

2 0 1 8

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
TOWN OF OFFICERS
OF THE

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS



TABLE OF CONTENTS

This is Blackstone	4
Elected Officials	6
Appointed Official	7
Resigned Officials	10
Town Administrator Annual Report	11
Report of the Board of Selectmen	12
Report of Town Counsel	13
Supt. 2018 Supt. Report	15
BMRHS 2018 Principle Report.	16
FWHMS 2018 Principle Report	18
AFM 2018 Principle Report	20
JFK 2018 Principle Report	21
MES 2018 Principle Report	23
Copy of Salaries 2018	25
BVT Annual Report FY18	29
Copy of FY18 Town Ratio.	41
2018 Assessor's Town Report	46
2018 Report of Building Commissioner	49
2018 Report of Electrical Inspector	50
2018 Report of Collector	51
2018 Report of Town Treasurer	52
FY2018 Salaries	53
2018 COA Annual Report	57
2018 Fire Dept. Report	63
2018 Report of Board of Health	66
2018 Historical Report	67
2018 Housing Authority	69
2018 Blackstone Public Library	70
2018 Parks & Recreation Report	76
2018 Report of Planning	77
2018 Police Department Report	78
2018 DPW Annual Report	82
2018 Report of Zoning	83
2018 Report of the Town Clerk	84
2018 Town Clerk Services	85
Audit Report of the Year	86
STM - 1-24-2018	87
ATE - 4-2-2018	91
STM - 5-29-2018	95
ATM - 5-29-2018	103
SPE - 9-4-2018	128
STE - 11-6-2018.	136
2018 Town Accountant	145
2018 Town Account Report	146

THIS IS BLACKSTONE

AREA: 10.97 square miles
DATE OF INCORPORATION: 1845
COUNTY: Worcester
POPULATION: 8962
ELEVATION: 200' to 490' above sea level

The topography ranges in elevation of 200' in the Elm and Mendon Streets areas to 490' above sea level on "Southwick Hill" off Milk Street. Several brooks and rivers flow through to also scattered ponds. The Blackstone River flows through the Southwest portion of Town.

ABUTTING TOWNS: Bellingham, Mendon, Millville, Massachusetts and North Smithfield and Woonsocket, RI DISTANCE: approximately 37 miles (southwest of Boston) approximately 30 miles (from Worcester) approximately 22 miles (north of Providence) NEAREST DISTRICT COURT: Rte. 122 Uxbridge, Mass. REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES: offices in Milford, N. Attleboro & Worcester, MA. FY 2019 TAX RATE: \$18.91. FORM OF GOVERNMENT: Town Meeting, 5 Member Board of Selectmen, appointed Town Administrator. NEWSPAPERS AND RADIO: (local) WNRI (1380), WWON (1240) both in Woonsocket, RI; The Blackstone Enlightner, a monthly newspaper published in Blackstone; The Woonsocket Call, a daily newspaper published in Woonsocket; Local cable access; The Milford Daily News, a daily newspaper published in Milford; The Blackstone Valley Tribune, a weekly published in Northbridge, Massachusetts. MEDICAL FACILITIES: Landmark Medical Center-Woonsocket Unit, Cass Ave., Woonsocket, RI & Fogarty Unit, Rte. 146, North Smithfield, RI; Milford Hospital, Rte. 140, Milford, MA CHURCHES: (LOCAL) St. Paul's Church, St. Paul St.; St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Rathbun St.; Christ Community Church, Church St.

HOUSING

There are approximately 3,664 housing units in Blackstone. The Blackstone Housing Authority directs Fox Brook Manor, developed Housing structure 56 units for the elderly. The Blackstone Housing Corporation, a non-profit group similar to the Housing Authority directs the elderly and handicapped complex containing 48 units at the Joseph D. Early Village on Blackstone Street.

ORGANIZATIONS

Blackstone offers its residents a variety of Civic Organizations. Many are political, religious, recreational, or service oriented. In addition, there are those that cater to primarily senior citizens or area youth.

Most of these groups often have articles published in local newspapers, which relate their activities and also make mention of time and place when future meetings will be held.

Listed are below are several civic organizations. Information on Church organizations may be obtained by contacting each Church rectory.

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 17
Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Blackstone Police Youth Center Association
Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scouts of America
Brownies
Girl Scouts of America
Democratic Town Committee
Republican Town Committee
Lion's Club
Senior Citizens Drop-In Center
B-M Music Association
Blackstone-Millville Youth Baseball
Blackstone-Millville Athletic, (BMAA), Inc.
Farm League
Men's Basketball League
Blackstone Rod & Gun Club
Youth Basketball League
Blackstone Housing Authority
Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club

Elected Officials 2018

Position	Name
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	CAREY, JEREMIAH
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	GILBERT, ROBERT A
ASSESSOR OF TAXES	Schandelmayer-Davis, Franscena B
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	DUNTON, BETHANY B
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	KEEFE, JACK R
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	LEMIEUX, TAMMY
B M REG DIST SCH COMM BLK	WILLIAMS, SARAH
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	LARKIN, TARA L
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	REGGIO, JANE C
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	VERNON, CARYN DOWNEY
B M REG DIST SCH COMM MIL	VINACCO, ERIN P
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	DRAINVILLE, ROBERT A
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KEEGAN, MARGARET T
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	KELLENBERGER, GARY
BLK HOUSING AUTHORITY	MORIN, LYNN J
BURIAL AGENT	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BARTLETT, DAVID R
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BRAUN, DENNIS P
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BRAZA, PAUL J
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	BRODERICK, JOSEPH A
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	EBBELING, JAMES
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	FINN, GERALD M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	HALL, JOSEPH M
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	HANRATTY, CHESTER P
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	INTINARELLI, MITCHELL A
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	KOOPMAN, JEFF T
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	LAVIN, JOHN C, III
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	MITCHELL, JULIE H
B-V VOCATIONAL REG DIST	YITTS, ANTHONY M
COLLECTOR-TREASURER	MULLER, CATHERINE A
CONSTABLE	BENJAMIN, JOSHUA E
CONSTABLE	MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL A
CONSTABLE	RIVET, RYE
CONSTABLE	STONE, FREDERICK J
CONSTABLE	THERRIEN, JOHN H
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, KEVIN J
HEALTH/BOARD OF	RYAN, PETER C, SR
HEALTH/BOARD OF	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MODERATOR	POIRIER, MARK N
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	COX, DONALD C
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	GILBERT, ROBERT D
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	LANGLOIS, CELESTE M
PARKS & RECREATION COMM	MORSE, ROBERT J
PLANNING BOARD	BEBEAU, OWEN T
PLANNING BOARD	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
PLANNING BOARD	CATALANO, ANTHONY, SR
PLANNING BOARD	MARVELLE, PAUL E
PLANNING BOARD	VAN DYKE, KIRK
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	BIK, MARGARET
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	KEEFE, DANIEL P
SELECTMEN/BOARD OF	RIVET, GERALD P
TOWN CLERK	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C

Appointed Officials

2018

Position	Name
ADA COORDINATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
ADA REVIEW COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
ANIMAL CONTROL OFF/ASST	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	RYAN, PETER C, SR
ANIMAL INSPECTOR	SULLIVAN, KEVIN D
ASSESSOR/ASSISTANT	SALAMONE, PATRICIA J
ASSESSORS/ADMIN ASSISTANT	BIK, KASEY A
BUILDING INSPECTOR	SPERONI, ROBERT J
BUILDING INSPECTOR/ASST	VATER, EARL
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA
BURIAL AGENT/ASSISTANT	PICARD, JULIE E
C M R P C/DELEGATE	BELROSE, JOSEPH O, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	BEBEAU, OWEN T
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY M
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	CATALANO, MICHAEL A, JR
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	JOHNATHAN J SAVOIE
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	MOQUIN, SUZANNE
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	RIVET, GERALD P
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFC/ZONING AGENT	WALSH, WILLIAM
COLLECTOR/DEPUTY	GRADY, ROBERT
COLLECTOR/SPCL OFF DPY TX	GRADY, ROBERT
COLLECTOR/TREASURER, TEMPORARY	MOQUIN, SUZANNE
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	DIEFENBACH, ELIZABETH (2 MOS)
COL-TREAS/ASST COLLECTOR	GEIGER, JAN (3 MOS)
COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER	TAYLOR, JILLIAN N
COL-TREAS/ASST TREASURER/TEMP	GEIGER, JAN
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	COMBS, BONNIE J
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	DALEY, MICHELE A
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PITLER, JAMES P
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, JAMES
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	PLASSE, MADELEINE T
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
COUNCIL ON AGING	CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE
COUNCIL ON AGING	DILIBERO, JAMES
COUNCIL ON AGING	DRAKE, AUDREY
COUNCIL ON AGING	KEIZER, DEBRA L
COUNCIL ON AGING	WINGATE, JULIE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CARDOZA, CHRISTINE
CULTURAL COUNCIL	CLARK, SUZANNE C
CULTURAL COUNCIL	DOBECK, MARYANN
CULTURAL COUNCIL	MCGILVRAY, LINDA
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ROBIDOUX, DIANE L
CULTURAL COUNCIL	ST JEAN, JOYCE L
CULTURAL COUNCIL	WINGATE, JULIE
ECO DEV COM/IND DEV COM/LIAISON	RIVET, GERALD P
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CATALANO, ANTHONY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	CIAK, RANDY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	ROBINSON, JACQUELYN M
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE	WEISSMAN, BRAD R
EMERGENCY MGT COMMS OFFICER	COTNOIR, KENNETH
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
FINANCE COMMITTEE	BULSO, MARY E
FINANCE COMMITTEE	GOUDREAU, STEPHEN P

Appointed Officials

2018

FINANCE COMMITTEE	NORCROSS-MELSON, CATHERINE
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SAVOIE, JOHNATHAN JOSEPH
FINANCE COMMITTEE	ST AMANT, JACOB W
FINANCE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, KATHRYN M
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WALSH, AMY C
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WATSON, JAMES T, III
FINANCE COMMITTEE	WOZNIAK, JOHN M
FIRE CHIEF/FOREST WARDEN	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
HEALTH AGENT	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HEALTH INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	DEACON, JESSE E
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	DEMERS, SUSAN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	GUILBEAULT, RICHARD J
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	MURRAY, HELEN F
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	RYAN, RICHARD A, SR
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	TENEROWICZ, SUSAN M
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	WINGATE, JULIE
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	MARCHAND, THOMAS
HISTORICAL COMMISSION/ALT	POWERS, CAROLYN L
INDUSTRIAL DEV COMMISSION	ARSENAULT, HUBERT N
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	ALEXANDROWICZ, JEAN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	BRANCHAUD, MARY LOU
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GILLIS, KELLY L
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	GUZINSKI, PATRICIA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	HEMPHILL, LINDA
LIBRARY TRUSTEES/BOARD OF	RISTAINO, DEBRA L
MEAT INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ANDERSON, ALLYSON
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ANDERSON, WAYNE
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	COX, DONALD C
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	DUNAYESKI, THOMAS, II
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	JACOB, PAUL
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	PATERSON, DONALD
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MARK N
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	POIRIER, MICHAEL H
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RITTWAGER, ARTHUR M
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	RYAN, PETER C, SR
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SAWYER, CHARLES J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SCANLAN, BRIAN J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SULLIVAN, JAMES
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE COMMITTEE	WALSH, WILLIAM T
MILK INSPECTOR	GARABEDIAN, STEVEN M
MODERATOR/DEPUTY	STONE, FREDERICK J
MUN COOR/RGT TO KNOW LEG	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PARKING CLERK	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
PLANNING BOARD	SCANLAN, BRIAN J
PLANNING BOARD/ASSOC MEMBER	RING, ROBERT
PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR, ACTING	PAIGE, JAMES R
POLICE MATRON	CABRAL, SANDRA M
POLICE MATRON	WEBER, BETTINA A
POLICE/CHIEF OF	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	DUBOIS, ROBERT J
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	KEEFE, LAURIE

Appointed Officials

2018

POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	KEYES, DANIEL M
POLICE/FIRE/COA TASK FORCE BLDG COMM	SWEENEY, MICHAEL
POLICE/LIEUTENANT	GILMORE, GREGORY
POLICE/PATROLMEN	BLANCHETTE, DAVID P
POLICE/PATROLMEN	DAIGLE, PATRICK
POLICE/PATROLMEN	GIARDINO, DANIEL C
POLICE/PATROLMEN	HAYNES, GREGGORY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LAUDON, DAVID
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LOETHER, TRAVIS T
POLICE/PATROLMEN	LUNGARINI, ANTHONY M
POLICE/PATROLMEN	METZ, CRAIG P, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	NIEMCZYK, JOSEPH E
POLICE/PATROLMEN	PAVONE, MICHAEL F, JR
POLICE/PATROLMEN	TAPPAN, GREGORY W
POLICE/SERGEANT	BRODEUR, SHAWN M
POLICE/SERGEANT	HURWITZ, MAXWELL
POLICE/SERGEANT	LUIS, KEVIN C
POLICE/SERGEANT	MANTONI, MATHEW S
PRELIMINARY SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBER	BIK, KASEY A
PROCUREMENT OFFICER	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	KEYES, DANIEL M
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	SWEENEY, MICHAEL J
PUBLIC WORKS, SUPT OF	SULLIVAN, JAMES M
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	COHEN, JOEL L
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	DOLINSKI, CLAUDETTE C
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	DOYLE, DANIEL T
REGISTRARS/BOARD OF	GREENWALD, MARC J V
STATE ETHICS COMM MUNICIPAL LIAISON	ATSTUPENAS, ROSS A
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	ZAHORSKY, LAUREN
TOWN ACCOUNTANT/ASST	DUBOIS, PATRICIA
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	KEYES, DANIEL M
TOWN CLERK/ASSISTANT	BIK, DONNA M
TOWN COUNSEL	COSTELLO, PATRICK J
TREE WARDEN/MOTH SUPT	MARCOTTE, KENNETH
VETERAN SERVICES/DIR OF	MOORE, MARCUS CHAD
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	DEVLIN, THOMAS F
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	GREENHALGH, ROY J
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PARMENTIER, JOHN
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	PATERSON, ROBERT BRUCE
WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION	SAWYER, CHARLES J
WIRING INSPECTOR	CASAVANT, . CRAIG R
WIRING INSPECTOR/ASST	DIONNE, DAVID J
WOONSOCKET REG WASTEWATER COMM	KEEFE, DANIEL P
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	GREGOIRE, MARC
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	JOLICOEUR, GARY A
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	MARVELLE, PAUL E
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	PITLER, JAMES P
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	THERRIEN, JOHN H
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	BELROSE, JOSEPH
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS/ALT	CASTONGUAY, JEANNINE

RESIGNATIONS IN 2018

Position	Name	Resignation Date
Board of Registrars	Suzanne M. Mercier	1/1/2018
Economic Development Committee	Michael J. Buckley	1/3/2018
Preliminary Search Committee	William T. Walsh	1/11/2018
Historical Commission	Eunice Lydon	3/6/2018
Parks & Recreation Commission	Kimberly D. Peloquin	3/12/2018
Economic Development Committee	Andrew Blanchette	10/23/2018
Collector-Treasurer	Catherine A. Muller	11/5/2018
Assistant Treasurer	Jillian N. Taylor	11/16/2018

Report of Town Administrator

To the Citizens of Blackstone,

The Master Plan for the Town of Blackstone 2018 is complete. The process started in 2015 and was developed by the Planning Board under MGL Chapter 41, Section 81D. I want to thank the citizens, boards, commissions and employees who have helped in this process. The Master Plan serves as a road map to those of us in government. It deals with Zoning and Land Use, Economic Development, Housing, Natural Resources, Open Space, Parks and Recreation, Public Facilities and Transportation.

The goals and objectives were attained from results of a survey of residents and Town officials. Listed in the Master Plan are eight different categories which include reducing the tax burden on residents, encourage economic development, expand transportation options, improve open space and recreation resources, diverse range of housing types, protect and enhance historical and cultural resources and improve Town services and facilities.

It is important to ensure that residents are aware of this report and can access it through the Town website. It is full of useful information that will continue to service us all in the years to come. We will continue to upgrade the Master Plan as we move into the decade of 2020. I want to politely thank Gino Carlucci for his tired work and dedication to this project and in helping us complete this report.

The Financial Report and Management Letter for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 conducted by Roselli, Clark and Associates Certified Public Accountants; was completed December 2018.

The report stated "...The Town's budgeting feasibility, strong reserve ratio and planning/funding for its future obligations has undoubtedly been seen as positive factors to S&P. In connection with a July 2015 general obligation bond offering Standard & Poor's rating services, or "S&P", assigned a credit rating of AA+... This high credit rating enables the Town to enjoy very reasonable terms in the municipal bond market."

The Town's largest expense category is education, which the Town continues to devote substantial resources towards. Education expenses totaled approximately 48% of total annual expenditures in both fiscal year 2018 and 2017. In terms of gross dollars, education expenses increased over \$0.3 million in fiscal year 2018, which reflected the increase in the Town's assessment for its regional school district. public safety and public works and general government expenses represented approximately 21%, 12%, and 11% of the total expenditures in both fiscal year 2018 and 2017, respectively. No other expense categories were greater than 10% in fiscal year 2018 or 2017.

The Town will continue to enjoy a strong financial position in fiscal year 2019 and 2020. We will also continue to monitor our financial obligations in a prudent manner and continue to deliver the services that the citizens expect in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel M. Keyes
Town Administrator

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

To the residents of Blackstone:

The Board of Selectmen presents for your consideration the 173rd Annual Town Report.

The Town has once again received an AA+ rating from Standard and Poor's. We have continued to maintain a strong financial position due to the cooperation of town boards and commissions with the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Town's Financial Team.

With the approval of funding at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, the Lincoln Street Bridge Project is finally underway, 20 years after originally proposed in 1998. The engineering is complete, the contractor has been selected and the pre-fabricated culvert has been ordered. Construction is slated to begin June 1, 2019. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Senator Ryan Fattman for securing \$200,000 in funding, which will be used to offset the cost to the taxpayers. We would also like to thank former Selectman Charles Sawyer, author of the 1998 proposal, for his continued commitment to this project.

The Town has seen several approved solar projects, which has the potential of producing substantial revenue for the town. During the approval process there was much debate on these projects. The Planning Board and Conservation Commission should be commended for their diligence in addressing several of the unique issues that arose with each project.

The Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and representatives from Soldier On have been working with Senator Ryan Fattman on the Veteran's Housing Project at Veteran's Park. This is an ongoing process and the community can expect updates on this project throughout the course of the upcoming year.

We are still negotiating an agreement with the local Power Plant. We will continue to keep the community updated as the process moves forward.

The Board of Selectmen encourages all residents to get involved and would like to thank the residents on all boards, committees and commissions who dedicate themselves to our community.

The Board of Selectmen

Daniel P. Keefe, Chairman
Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman
Michael A. Catalano, Jr., Clerk
Robert J. Dubois, Member
Gerald P. Rivet, Member

REPORT OF TOWN COUNSEL

In calendar year 2018, *Louison, Costello, Condon and Pfaff, LLP* filed appearances on behalf of the Town in pending court and labor/personnel grievance proceedings, provided legal advice and opinions to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and other Town officers, boards and agencies on matters relating to Town Meeting, municipal contracts/ agreements, real estate transactions, zoning/building code enforcement, inter-municipal agreements, tax assessment and tax collection, personnel administration/ employment issues, zoning variance/ special permit proceedings, public facility construction/ improvement agreements, Regional School District matters and other general legal issues. Of particular legal significance during the past year were Planning Board hearings relative to solar energy generating facilities on private parcels of land and the submission of proposals to operate retail marijuana establishments in Town pursuant to recently adopted provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 94G and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

A summary of the material litigation in which the Town has been engaged from January, 2018 to the present is set forth below.

Board of Health v. Cadero-Gillette **Uxbridge District Court Civil Action No. (not assigned)**

This is a non-criminal disposition appeal by the defendant who was cited by the Board of Health for trash and refuse violations at her home at 92 Milk Street. The Board has concluded that the property conditions constitute a hoarding situation. A hearing was held on December 1, 2016. The Clerk-Magistrate ordered the defendant to clean up the property and to pay a fine to the Town. The Board later observed additional and continuing violations as issued additional orders and fines. A hearing on those fines and remedial action was conducted on October 26, 2017. The Court found in the Board's favor in that the defendant had not made substantial progress in cleaning up the property and ordered her to pay additional fines. The Board has informed us that it has engaged the Office of the Attorney General to remediate the property as part of its abandoned property program. We have communicated with the AGO about parallel proceedings for the AGO to remediate the property while the Town seeks a lien in the amount due in fines upheld by the Court.

Loring v. Town of Blackstone Zoning Board of Appeals **Worcester Superior Court Civil Action No. 1885CV00217**

This is an appeal from the zoning board's denial of plaintiff's application for a special permit to operate a dog kennel on her property at 16R Orchard Rd. which is located in an R-1/R-2 zoning district. Under the Bylaws, kennels are not allowed in R-1 or R-2 zoning districts but may be allowed in all other districts with a special permit. We filed an answer to Plaintiff's Complaint which alleged that owning dogs for the purposes of breeding and training is a matter of right under the agricultural exemption pursuant to G.L. c. 40A §3. The Town's request for an injunction was denied based upon the existence of genuine material fact relative to the application of an alleged agricultural exemption to the disputed kenneling activity. We have completed discovery and prepared/ filed with the Court a Motion for Summary Judgment based on facts established through discovery proceedings. A hearing date has been scheduled for February 14, 2019.

James DeWolfe – Chapter 13 Bankruptcy and Board of Health Violations at 26 Carole Lane

The Town received notice of James DeWolfe Chapter 13 Bankruptcy filing receiving a notice from DeWolfe's homeowner's insurer about a water damage claim. Thereafter, the Board of Health conducted visual inspections of the exterior of the property and noted several violations. Because the Town did not initiate a remediation action against DeWolfe prior to the Bankruptcy filing, the Town is not considered a creditor, but maintains its statutory authority to exercise its police power for the health and safety of the general public. On December 5, 2018, we appeared at a Bankruptcy Court hearing, and the Court ordered that the insurance funds be released by the Trustee to fund remediation actions at the property. We will continue to consult with DeWolfe's attorney regarding the progress of the repairs.

TJA Clean Energy LLC f/k/a TJA Solar LLC v. Paul Marvelle, et al. (Blackstone Planning Board) 18 Misc. 000573(LJL)

This is an appeal of the Planning Board's decision denying a special permit for a solar photovoltaic facility at 142 Blackstone Street. The applicant had asked for reconsideration which was not a legal option for the Board so the parties agreed to a remand. The Court-ordered remand hearing was conducted in December 2018 and the Board issued the special permit on remand by a 4:1 vote. The Board incorporated by reference the previous hearing and the applicant was requested to, and did, provide new information relating to drainage concerns. The Board filed the decision with the Town Clerk and there were no appeals in the 20 day appeal period. The applicant's attorney therefore agreed to sign a Stipulation of Dismissal of the litigation. This matter is now closed.

We are honored to serve as Town Counsel for the Town of Blackstone, and we remain committed to providing the Town with high quality, cost-effective, and timely legal advice and representation. We look forward to working with the Town Administrator, the Selectmen, and other officers, boards and agencies of the Town to secure and advance the interests of the Town in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick J. Costello, Esq.
Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff, LLP
Town Counsel

2018 Superintendent Report

Dear Blackstone Community,

It has been a wonderful seven (7) months getting to know the Blackstone Community as I have transitioned into the Superintendent position. Through my entry into the school district I have had the chance to talk with many different residents, and hear about our many strengths as a town and regional school district, and some of our necessary next steps to move the district further in the right direction. Below, I have outlined the four (4) areas of our District Improvement Strategy and our next steps.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our student performance data highlights both district strengths and opportunities for improvement. One of the main drivers behind the varied student performance levels is the district's wide array of curriculum development and the lack of a consistent curriculum creation process, and review and renewal cycle.

In conversations with the teaching staff I have heard repeatedly about partially written curriculum, a need for intentional and focused work in this area, and the fiscal resources prioritized to secure the necessary materials.

While visiting classrooms at all grade levels across the district I have seen very hard working teachers, and attentive and engaged students ready to learn. Teachers and students have built strong working relationships, but need additional time and "space" for planning and learning.

Addressing the Needs of the Whole Child

The focus on addressing the needs of the entire child has continued to evolve as we define how to better help students achieve academic success. The old adage of "you can't teach a child until you can reach a child" has never rung more true. We are seeing across all our schools the need to address the non-academic needs of students more directly. The idea of students simply being "proficient" alone is not enough. We must do our part as schools and the district to create happy and healthy students as well.

Bringing the Community Together:

It is often said in schools systems that, "we cannot do this work alone." And while there are significant "chunks" of the work we are responsible for, and should be held accountable to, we are educating the youth of our two communities. Approximately 1,300 students from Blackstone and 450 from Millville. The schools in any community should be viewed as the "life blood" of the community and when adults come together around a small set of goals for the youth it serves better things, good things, happen for kids. We are poised and ready with a new District Improvement Strategy to start making the needed improvements in teaching and learning, and addressing the needs of the whole child, and we want the communities of Blackstone and Millville standing right with us.

What is Next?

From here, a Theory of Action will be created which will then push forward a Blueprint for Improvement developed by our District's Leadership Team and educators for across the district. This plan will outline both the short-term and long-range plan for the School District. This plan will include a "*Community Promise*" which will share directly with the communities of Blackstone and Millville our commitment to improving outcomes for our youth which ultimately will strengthen the two communities as a whole.

I am greatly looking forward to a continued strong partnership with the Blackstone Community as we move this work forward.

Very respectfully,
Jason DeFalco, EdD.
Superintendent

Blackstone-Millville Regional High School 2018 Report of the Principal

The end of the calendar year is a good opportunity to take a moment to reflect back and embrace all the successes, the learning, the decisions, and established relationships. As a community of learners that welcomes our goal of meeting the needs of all our students, I am proud of the growing achievements at Blackstone-Millville Regional High School.

The 2018 school year was highlighted by the forty-eighth Commencement Exercises which were held on a beautiful Friday evening, the first of June. Class advisors, Mrs. Jill Cole and Mrs. Hillary Roberge led the eighty-nine graduating Seniors to their ceremony. Superintendent Mr. Allen Himmelberger presented diplomas to the graduates. Class Valedictorian Miss Heather Milliken, Salutatorian Miss Charlotte Arsenault, and class president Mr. Justin Keyes, delivered eloquent messages to the graduates, family and friends. The members of the graduating class chose to enter the workforce, serve our country in the Armed Forces, or continue their studies at a college/university level. Many of the prestigious college and universities graduates are currently attending include University of Massachusetts, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Franklin Pierce University, Lasell College, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Salve Regina University and Suffolk University.

Continuing to build upon a tradition of academic excellence and personal responsibility, several members of the class of 2019 have been accepted early admission to the following colleges and universities: Arizona State University, Hofstra University, Providence College, St. John's University, Suffolk University, Clark University, and the University of Massachusetts. Additional academic accolades include an increased number of students earning Advanced Placement Honors and Honors with distinction, as well as receiving the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship for academic distinction on the Massachusetts MCAS assessments. Most recently, Seniors, Meagan Brodeur and John Allen were selected by Commissioner Riley to present the state of Massachusetts as nominees for the U.S Presidential Scholars.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, we welcomed Dr. Jason DeFalco, as our new superintendent of schools. Dr. DeFalco brings with him a wealth of knowledge and a passion for teaching and learning. Several community outings have been hosted by our superintendent, including the Community Fun Run as well as our Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner. We look forward to many more community events! In his short time here, Dr. DeFalco has provided our district with a focused approach to meeting the needs of our students. Under his leadership, we look forward to growing and strengthening our learning community.

As we reflect upon matching student interests and needs with the learning opportunities offered in our high school, I am proud to announce that engaging course offerings have increased this past year. As a member of the PBS Student Report Learning Labs, students continue to produce high quality videos and have been featured on national broadcasts. In addition, our Advanced Placement course offerings have expanded and now include Computer Science Principles. We also have students enrolled and receiving 3-credit dual enrollment college credits through our new partnership with Quinsigamond Community College.

Demonstrating the value of personal responsibility and service to others, the National Honor Society members continue to actively engage in their school and greater community in a number of ways. Members volunteer their time to tutor their peers, write letters to elementary students from Santa, supervise young students during elementary parent conferences, and help maintain the Verry Family Cemetery. Community Service projects include volunteering at the community food pantry, sending out digital Valentine's Day Cards to patients at Boston Children's Hospital, and collecting hats and mittens for those in need and the Empty Bowl dinner.

The high school's recognized "GOLD" Student Council was also very active in the school and community. Leadership opportunities continued to be part of the student council experience as several of our members attended the annual state conference in Hyannis, the MASC Spring training conference, as well as multiple regional conferences. Student council members also spearheaded several fundraising and community efforts including an "autism awareness" drive, raising funds to help residents of Puerto Rico replant crops, as well as participated in the Central Mass Winter Day of Service. Students also participated as "fans in the stands" at the Special Olympics/Unified Sports event, and attended the Opening Ceremonies for Special Olympics in Boston.

Many other department initiatives, leadership experiences, and student clubs supported our students in discovering and exploring their talents and interests. Our BMR robotics and technology program continues to grow and expand, utilizing 3-D printers to design and model prototypes. Under the direction of staff and student leaders, our theatre arts club continues to entertain our community with wonderful performances. Student leaders attended several conferences including Girls State and Boys State, as well as the Hugh O'Brien Leadership Conference at Bentley College, and the START Leadership Conference at Becker College.

Our middle and high school musicians continued to build on the excellent tradition of our Music Program. Under the direction of Todd Shafer and his staff, various levels and music groups achieved team and individual honors. In March, the Jazz Ensemble received a GOLD medal at the Central District Jazz Festival at Nipmuc High School. The Wind Ensemble and Concert Band both received silver medals at the Massachusetts Instrumental and Choral Conductors Association festival at Bellingham High School. Additionally, three students scored in the top 25% on their instrument at the Central Massachusetts Music Festival. Most significantly, our Marching Band won the Division 4 State Championship as well as the New England and Regional Championship. Concluding their season, our Marching Band placed 2nd at the Division 4 open at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

"Charger Pride" continues to grow on the athletic fields and courts. Student-athletes have opportunities to learn and lead others through their involvement in MIAA conferences and workshops. BMR's student-athlete numbers continue to grow in several sports. Competitively, our track teams performed well in the districts. Most notably, several members of the track team placed at the State and New England meets. In addition, our boy's basketball team qualified for the Clark Tournament, winning a few games in their bracket. Their season ended with a Central Massachusetts Division 3 Final loss at WPI. The football team had a successful 2018 campaign, beating the number one seeded team in the playoffs, while the boy's soccer team hosted their first MIAA playoff game in over 15 years. The soccer team also placed three student-athletes on the Central Mass all-star team.

It is an honor to serve a community dedicated to communication, academic excellence, respect, and personal responsibility. The community support of the arts, athletics, and academic programs in the district have allowed us to meet the needs and interests of our students. The faculty and support staff works tirelessly on behalf of our students. Our common goal to continue the great efforts of our district, while setting high goals for all will remain our focus. During the school year, we have met our goals and continue to close achievement gaps. Let us continue to build a strong community together!

Respectfully submitted,
Michael E. Dudek
Principal

Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School 2018 Report of the Principal

1:1 Chromebook Initiative

In late August, the school committee approved to continue the Chromebook initiative at the middle school level. During our parent/teacher conferences, we held 20-minute parent/guardian overviews of this initiative throughout the evening. On December 12th, we distributed the devices to all students as well as a presentation on the expectations of use as a learning device and how to care for it. Portions of our faculty meetings and professional development days have focused on what a personalized learning environment is and how to incorporate the technology into lessons. A 10-hour professional development opportunity for the second half of the school year has been created to further teacher learning about the different technologies and how to integrate them throughout their lessons as well as their formative and summative assessments. Throughout the year, our weekly staff newsletter has highlighted two free technology tools for possible use.

Enrollment

The Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School greeted 417 students for the school year on August 29, 2018.

As of January 23, 2019, the student enrollment was as follows:

Grade 6	154 students
Grade 7	126 students
Grade 8	137 students

Curriculum and Instruction

The middle school curriculum provides students with a well-rounded academic program. Students in grade 6 are enrolled in ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading, Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). Students can enroll in band as an elective class.

Students in grades 7 and 8 are enrolled in ELA, Pre-Algebra (grade 7), Extended Algebra/Algebra (grade 8), Life Science, World History (grade 7), Civics (grade 8), Art, PE, Wellness, Spanish, and Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM). Electives are Band, Stem/Technology, and Chorus (grade 8).

Our Intervention and Enrichment (Growth in English and Math = GEM) classes are assigned to students on a quarterly basis. Using our internal, diagnostic quarterly STAR assessment (a 25-minute online test in math and ELA), the results determine placement in either an ELA/math intervention (a need for core strengthening) or ELA/math enrichment (a high-achieving opportunity). Other enrichment classes offered are Spanish I (grade 8), Math Beyond Numbers, Art, Wellness, Physical Education, Making Math Matter, Early Horror Writers, Making Literacy Matter, Exploring Literacy Devices Through Film, and Virtual Middle School.

Extra-curricular Opportunities

We are extremely fortunate at the middle school to have staff that are willing to lead students in many after-school activities. Our full-year clubs sponsored by district funds include: Healthy Start Club, STEM Club, PBIS Club, Student Council (StuCo) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Our seasonal focus clubs include: Hoops for Life Club, Flag Football Club, Photography Club, Lego Club, Board Games Club, Coding Club and Ski Club. The funding source for these focus clubs comes from a very successful school fundraiser, the National Grid's Energy Savings Program, and the HMS PTO.

Musical opportunities (beyond band during the school day) include marching band, color guard, winter guard, and jazz band.

Sports opportunities include soccer, field hockey, softball, baseball, cross country, track and field, cheerleading, and basketball.

Students have an opportunity to engage in a number of community service projects sponsored by StuCo and NJHS. Some of these projects included the Kindness Week campaign, a canned Food Drive, a Penny Wars, Holiday Food Baskets, and Winter Clothing Drive.

Our eighth grade class will travel to Washington D.C. in June while seventh grade went to the YMCA Hockomock Ropes Course Challenge and the sixth grade had an overnight trip at Nature's Classroom.

Parent-Teacher Organization

The Hartnett Middle School PTO has been involved with fundraising by hosting several school-wide events. Their fundraising has helped to provide funds towards field trips, assemblies, dances/socials, honor roll breakfasts, and other special events.

School Resource Officer

This year Officer David Loudon has co-caught Project Here (effects of nicotine, alcohol, opioids use and good decision-making) lessons with our wellness teacher. During these classes, students created a public safety announcement highlighting the dangerous effects of vaping. This video was shared with Project Here. They have expressed their plans to highlight it on their homepage (<https://www.mass.gov/project-here-substance-use-prevention-education>).

This has been an exciting year for students and staff at the Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School. Everyone feels extremely fortunate and offers our sincere appreciation to the communities and the district administration for their support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonya Curt-Hoard
Principal

A.F. Maloney Elementary School 2018 Report of the Principal

Students were welcomed back to school on August 29, 2018. 316 students in grades 3 through 5 and 50 staff (some of whom work in multiple schools) began their first day of teaching and learning.

Throughout the summer AFM was transformed from furniture piled high, bare walls in the classrooms and hallways to a welcoming learning environment. Teachers continued to work throughout the summer to prepare for a new year of teaching and learning. I would like to thank Mr. Dennis LaRose, our Head Custodian. Under his guidance, our custodial staff worked tirelessly and with great pride to ready our school. All of the time and effort was spent with one focus at the forefront: AFM students.

The Blackstone Elementary Parent Organization (BEPO) worked throughout the summer as well to plan for ways to provide for enrichment learning opportunities for our students. The October 3rd Move-A-Thon was a huge fundraising success for BEPO; but it was also a way for the school community to come together and celebrate each other. BEPO's efforts, on behalf of students and staff is second to none. Words alone cannot express the level of appreciation, gratitude and thanks we have for all their hard efforts. BEPO meets the first Monday of each month in the JFK/AFM Library at 6:15PM. Please consider joining us. There are so many ways in which you can volunteer and help make a difference in the education of our students.

We continue our efforts to plan for PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) to become imbedded in our school day as well as finding ways to support expected behaviors and recognizing positive choices. The Golden Spoon Award is given monthly to one classroom per grade level who consistently meet the cafeteria expectations. AFM has monthly school spirit days. We continue to work to find ways to recognize those who meet our three R's of schoolwide expectations - **Respectful, Responsible and Ready to Learn**. Citizens of the Month are nominated for their consistent modeling of the Charger values by being: **Cooperative, Honest, Attentive, Respectful, Good-Hearted, demonstrating Effort, and Responsible**. Activities are planned for these students, allowing them the opportunity to pay it forward to the community.

Students will participate in MCAS testing during the Spring of 2019. Computer-based testing is planned for students in grades 3, 4 and 5. Our technology support, under the guidance of our Network and Integration Administrator Mr. Bouzan, as well as Mrs. Carty our technology teacher, are working to ensure infrastructure/hardware readiness as well as student familiarity with the testing format.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Dr. Jason DeFalco as our Superintendent and Mr. Matthew Ehrenworth as our Assistant Superintendent. Under their leadership BMR is truly *A District of One - 2,000 Strong!* We are committed to supporting all learners through best instructional strategies - every student, every day!

To our School Committee I thank you for recognizing the challenges we face to meet the needs of all our learners and for doing your due diligence to certify a budget that strives to meet the needs of BMR.

I would like to thank all of our families who support student learning at home, but also here at school. You are the first educator for your child and continue to be a critical part of your child's learning.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all of our teachers and staff here at A. F. Maloney. Teachers, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant Mrs. Breault all play an integral part in the life of every student. Their dedication is second to none and I am extremely proud to be working alongside them.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol A. Brown
Principal, A. F. Maloney Elementary School

John F Kennedy Elementary School

2018 Report of the Principal

The new school year began on August 29, 2018 as the buses rolled up and our excited student came through the doors to begin the school year. Over 260 kindergarten, grade 1 and grade 2 students are enrolled at the John F Kennedy Elementary School. Our adjacent school, the A.F. Maloney Elementary School, houses grades 3, 4, and 5. Our schools operate as two separate schools, however we share staff, resources, physical spaces as we work collaboratively to smooth transitions between the two schools.

Our school functions well due to the continued support of our towns and the various volunteer groups. The Blackstone Elementary School Parents Organization (BEPO) works hard year round to support both the JFK and AFM staff and students through a variety of fundraising efforts to provide additional learning opportunities for our students. BEPO helps to fund field trips, sponsor after school clubs and special assembly programs for our students. We also have developed a partnership with the Blackstone Council on Aging, whereby we have 6 people participating in the Senior/Veteran Tax Work Off Program. These seniors work in classrooms alongside students and provide a great support. We also have other parent volunteers from the community as well as high school interns and student teachers working in conjunction with local colleges. We are very grateful for all of their support and would like to expand our connection to the town through these and other partnerships. We all have a role to play in each child's education and our children are better off for all of your efforts!

Curriculum and Instruction

During the summer of 2018, we welcomed two new administrators to our BMR team, Dr. Jason DeFalco, Superintendent and Mr. Matthew Ehrenworth, our Assistant Superintendent. With their support and guidance, we continue to examine our curriculum and instruction. We have entered into a cycle of Curriculum review in all subject areas. This school year we are writing our Science curriculum to reflect recent changes in the State Curriculum Frameworks. Over the next several years, we have a schedule and a plan to examine all of the major subject areas in our elementary curriculum. We have several other important initiatives underway as well, for example, we are working with Johns Hopkins University on an overview of our entire elementary curriculum. We are working with Focused Schools to develop Instructional Leadership Teams to help align our resources and initiatives as well as chart a path for our future efforts.

Our teachers continue to align their instruction and assessments with the Massachusetts State and Common Core Standards. We follow a Reader's Workshop model as part of our literacy instruction. We target phonemic awareness through our use of the Foundations program. We have been using the Empowering Writers program to develop student writing skills. Teachers have been receiving ongoing professional development in instructional methodologies, providing student feedback and how to support students as they make connections between their reading and writing. Writing is an important facet in all curriculum areas, and we have emphasized how to incorporate writing into all subject areas. Teachers continue to refine and develop student math skills as they implement the enVisions Math Program. This math program strengthens mathematical critical thinking skills to prepare all students for ongoing success in higher education. The overriding goal of our work is to improve outcomes for all students.

It is my privilege to come to school each day to work with the staff and students here at the John F Kennedy Elementary School. I am continually impressed with the dedication and commitment the staff makes to the children of Blackstone. Your children are well taken care of when they come through our doors each day.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J Tringali
Principal

Millville Elementary School 2018 Report if the Principal

Throughout the summer, the hallways of MES were filled with furniture while our custodial crew, led by head custodian, Richard Lancot, shampooed the carpets, scrubbed and waxed the classroom floors and hallways. I would like to thank Mr. Lancot, Mr. Lipsett and Mr. Boyko for their hard work this summer helping to clean our school and get it ready for our staff and students for the 2018-2019 school year.

Students were welcomed back to school on August 29, 2018. 271 students in Preschool through grade 5 and 50 staff (some of whom work in multiple schools) began their first day of teaching and learning. This year we have started a new drop-off/pick-up procedure. Several parents, along with Officer Sheppard, came to assist with the flow of traffic on the first few days. Our procedure is in full swing and running smoothly.

The Millville Elementary School Parents' Association (MESPA) worked tirelessly this summer to plan events to support and enrich our students' learning. On September 5th, MESPA kicked off our 1st Mustangs on the Move fundraiser event with a visit from our school mascot. Students received pom-poms as a reminder. In addition, MESPA and the MES staff joined together on September 7th for our annual Ice Cream Social. Staff served ice cream and all of the toppings to our MES students and their families. There were 272 in attendance at that event. The weather was beautiful and families were able to congregate on the field and playground. On October 3rd, MES held the 1st ever Mustangs on the Move fundraising event to support programs for our school. Parents created obstacles that the students were to complete around movement and different content areas. The event was held in the gymnasium and on the hard top. This event was enjoyed by staff and students while raising funds for MESPA to support events and programs at our school. A huge thank you to MESPA for supporting our after-school clubs, field trip buses, pizza for our Student of the Month lunch and Literacy lunch. Our staff also supported our community with the annual Halls-o-ween event at the end of October, a Thanksgiving food drive and Davis Bates, storyteller, in November and the annual Toys for Tots drive in December. We appreciate the effort that MESPA went through applying for and receiving a Millville Cultural Council grant for Davis Bates' performance.

For the 2018-2019 school year, we have welcomed our Superintendent, Dr. Jason DeFalco, and our Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Matthew Ehrenworth. Under their leadership, we are committed to supporting all learners and helping them to grow through using the best instructional practices and continuing to examine our curriculum and instruction. Over the next several years, we have a focus and a plan to examine our curriculum across the district. Our newly developed Science Curriculum Development Team has received initial training in the Understanding by Design (UbD) framework and has been working to write science curriculum for students in Kindergarten through grade 12.

This year, we are continuing the Empowering Writers professional development for grades 2 through 5. Staff in grades K and 1 have begun professional development with this program. Empowering Writers emphasizes a unique approach to writing instruction, emphasizing the connection between good writing skills and literacy achievement as a whole.

In the Spring of 2019, all students in grades 3 through 5 will participate in computer-based MCAS testing. Our technology support, under the guidance of our Network and Integration Administrator Mr. Bouzan,

as well as Mrs. Carty our technology teacher, are working to ensure infrastructure/hardware readiness as well as student familiarity with the testing format.

In an effort to continuously promote our core values of **Respect**, **Responsibility** and a **Readiness to Learn**, staff acknowledged student's good deeds by presenting them with "Give Em a Big Hand" certificates; morning announcements whereby the Principal announced their names and gave each student "Mustang Money". We also hold a "Student of the Month" Lunch with the Principal to recognize their ability to model our school's goals for each month.

Thank you to all of our families who are a critical part of their student's learning with supporting learning at home and at school.

I would like to thank all of our staff here at Millville Elementary School. All teachers, specialists, paraprofessionals and our Administrative Assistant, Mrs. O'Neil are such an important piece in our students' day. I am extremely proud to be leading a school where the staff are extremely dedicated to the personal and educational well-being of all students.

In closing, I would like to thank the School Committee and the townspeople for helping our schools have the tools necessary to support all learners.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christina M. Shafer
Principal, Millville Elementary School

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
Salary Listing

Name	Salary		Name	Salary
Abisla, Stephanie P	\$80,580.08		Briar, Kristin A	\$3,423.75
Adamz, Elizabeth M	\$87,304.09		Brienze, Denise E	\$11,282.40
Aicardi, Emily K	\$3,412.50		Brown, Carol A	\$115,549.89
Aicardi, Kathleen M	\$21,174.43		Buteau, Karen E	\$21,291.68
Alberto, Devon M	\$1,537.50		Carlson, Katherine W	\$66,295.29
Alexandrowicz, Jean L	\$13,995.00		Carpentier, Jamie L	\$51,340.14
Allard, Denise L	\$29,528.63		Carson, Lauren M	\$75,267.29
Allard, Pamela J	\$64,396.07		Carty, Monica M	\$60,465.72
Allen, Courtney B	\$49,007.24		Chaplin, Victoria A	\$20,713.03
Amylon, Philip M	\$53,071.30		Charbonneau, Kristen M	\$70,694.08
Anderson, Jillien L	\$30,563.24		Charron, Michael J	\$7,938.75
Andrade, Denise M	\$24,020.84		Chase, Louise W	\$80,212.93
Angelini, Stephen T	\$45,366.80		Clark, Lisa D	\$54,475.93
Anniballi, Aaron W	\$7,097.50		Cobb, Wen S	\$67,051.96
Arno, Laura L	\$25,516.71		Cole, Jill M	\$65,021.45
Arroyas, Ann R	\$52,704.93		Colgan, Susan M	\$66,712.85
Azevedo, Elizabeth A	\$12,093.44		Conklin, Samuel AJ	\$63,553.52
Bacon, Paul M	\$50,243.31		Conti, Carol M	\$76,536.93
Bacon, Wilfred R Jr	\$51,075.85		Cordova, Donna M	\$12,342.00
Badeau, Brooke D	\$17,743.86		Costa, Maria	\$79,280.29
Bak, Tracy J	\$10,984.01		Costello, Diane L	\$26,016.61
Baldini, Ann M	\$15,220.01		Cote, Brooke K	\$21,828.80
Barbato, Jessica A	\$16,881.76		Cote, Esther H	\$79,745.29
Barber, Wendy S	\$22,754.42		Couture, Steven E	\$20,774.15
Barlow, Lora K	\$1,543.50		Covino, Diane J	\$14,075.04
Barrette, Rae Ann M	\$19,562.85		Cox, Katelyn M	\$8,475.60
Barton, Melissa J	\$17,195.22		Crandall, Jennifer R	\$14,453.53
Bartusek, Karen E	\$21,964.62		Crocker, Elizabeth H	\$20,145.80
Beaven, Donna M	\$7,438.84		Cunningham, Marcia D	\$80,030.79
Bellefontaine, Tara A	\$2,280.00		Curran, Jeffrey M	\$80,077.42
Bent, Carol A	\$4,005.00		Curt-Hoard, Tonya M	\$98,499.93
Bergin, Jennifer A	\$72,204.50		Cusack, Sharon K	\$24,039.13
Blanchard, Michele M	\$82,859.29		D'Andrea, Tara J	\$56,776.18
Blomstedt, Rachel O	\$78,499.85		D'Eletto, Nicholas M	\$66,129.21
Boisvert, Kathy A	\$82,022.57		Dansereau, Linda A	\$73,332.58
Borchard, Susan P	\$36,750.00		Davia, Janine M	\$76,677.16
Bourassa, Susan D	\$14,187.78		Davidge, Debra A	\$22,480.88
Bourgery, Patricia A	\$82,095.85		Davies, Mary F	\$15,263.07
Bouzan, Sean M	\$97,749.90		Davis, Karyn A	\$20,727.26
Boyan, William J	\$44,987.90		Dean, Shannon M	\$6,205.50
Boyko, Michael	\$42,900.04		DeFalco, Jason V	\$81,500.05
Boyle, Lauren M	\$44,233.43		Degon, Deanna M	\$4,900.00
Brandin, Frances	\$1,875.00		Deleo, Lauren V	\$30,524.07
Braverman, Loretta	\$59,892.85		Demers, Lisa M	\$78,403.42
Breault, Karen J	\$48,615.34		Demers-Lanctot, Nicole L	\$12,954.12
Breen, Molly K	\$48,365.71		Denomme, Elise A	\$57,975.90

DePippo, Elizabeth A	\$29,229.75		Gleason, Lynnea	\$17,749.95
Dery, Diane M	\$22,230.42		Gomes, Lynne M	\$59,726.10
Deschamps, Lisa A	\$22,874.49		Gosselin-Beech, Lona M	\$18,061.99
Descoteaux, Stefanie A	\$78,417.29		Goulet, Peter R	\$77,876.92
Desilets, Susan J	\$25,078.12		Grace, Caroline Ann	\$67,262.07
Desjardins, Kim C	\$60,304.07		Grube, Lynnell	\$55,525.93
Dewolf, Mark A	\$75,432.50		Grumbach, Carrie A	\$3,500.75
Dextraze, Michelle D	\$58,707.50		Guidi, Vanina V	\$56,702.35
DiCecco, Dawn M	\$71,367.50		Guilbeault, Holly B	\$23,709.81
DiCecco, Kristie J	\$76,673.92		Hagan, Maribeth	\$1,931.25
DiCecco, Maura L	\$9,202.94		Hagerman, David T	\$51,169.07
DiFabio, Amy D	\$1,738.50		Haggas, Lory J	\$28,045.61
Diogo, Jacquelyn M	\$9,000.00		Hannon, Heather M	\$65,389.07
do Curral, Daniel J Jr.	\$10,901.25		Harpin, Rebecca E	\$77,700.50
Dorfman, Sarah P	\$57,188.50		Haughey, Paul S	\$61,744.52
Doyle, Cecilia C	\$76,060.15		Healy, Brendan M	\$56,867.47
Drackett, Dina	\$787.50		Hebert, Debra A	\$21,179.36
Dubofsky, Grace A	\$52,726.43		Hebert, Ethan J	\$49,608.77
Dubois, Katharine E	\$72,309.50		Hebert, Scott A	\$51,697.17
Ducharme, Keith A	\$100,906.89		Hernandez, Jennifer R	\$51,519.00
Ducharme, Tracey L	\$80,462.29		Highcove, Dawn	\$80,019.35
Dudek, Michael E	\$116,445.08		Himmelberger, Allen W	\$113,318.99
Dullea-Juliano, Tracy F	\$35,716.94		Holihen, Amy M	\$80,019.35
Dumas, Claire A	\$1,293.75		Hook, David C	\$37,964.79
Dutremble, Kristen T	\$8,534.46		Houatchanthara, Terry L	\$14,805.00
Dwyer, Nancy A	\$709.50		Hunt, Ursula	\$49,395.49
Ehrenworth, Matthew J	\$36,685.68		Isenberg, David	\$82,631.30
Euglow, Joshua M	\$58,775.14		Jackson, Lynnea D	\$15,191.99
Eyssallem, Denise	\$12,318.75		Johnson, Richard W	\$1,648.39
Fanning, Kevin T	\$44,892.17		Jones, Kathleen M	\$77,378.15
Faulkner, Edie A	\$81,124.74		Juba, Mark P	\$83,712.70
Faulkner, Ian M	\$1,206.00		Kearnan, Julie A	\$22,193.83
Ferschke, Katelyn A	\$6,743.00		Keegan, James A	\$817.50
Finn - Campopiano, Barbara	\$43,722.17		Kerwin, Stephanie A	\$34,683.61
Finnegan, Kathryn E	\$76,698.29		Kiely, Kevin P	\$80,219.35
Fitzgerald, Margaret M	\$27,549.86		Labossiere, Angelique M	\$11,456.96
Folster, Colleen J	\$9,629.43		Labrie, Lauri A	\$24,179.19
Fontaine, Jeffrey R	\$46,644.43		Lacroix, Tina M	\$58,457.72
Franzosa, Tara K	\$71,367.50		LaFortune, Lisa W	\$18,844.67
Gallagher, Amy L	\$58,300.00		Laliberte, Jeanne M	\$25,396.88
Gallagher, Jason E	\$44,275.60		Lancotot, Richard J	\$47,788.85
Gallo, Lise M	\$78,993.85		Landry, Richard N	\$47,532.22
Gaudet, Damien W	\$51,364.14		Landry, Steven J	\$1,275.00
Gauthier, Patricia A	\$37,824.41		Landry, Susan A	\$29,031.24
Gentile, Charlsey L	\$1,215.00		Langone, Kerri	\$80,019.35
Gilchrest, Felicia L	\$2,775.00		Laporte, Janis H	\$100,528.63
Ginish, Laura E	\$36,075.14		Laren, Norma C	\$78,529.89

Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
Salary Listing

LaRose, Dennis J	\$50,658.80	Newman, Colette L	\$82,463.50
Laskowski, Cynthia L	\$20,162.64	Nikosey, Cathleen H	\$55,238.93
Latraverse, Debra	\$18,710.02	Nneji, Lynne M	\$78,285.79
Le-Gagne, Thien- Phuong T	\$7,051.93	Northup, Jacob K	\$49,717.14
LeBallister-Dudka, Jill L	\$60,347.07	Nunes, Gemeniano A	\$15,125.80
Lee, Linda P	\$42,309.76	O'Neil, Priscilla J	\$44,355.62
Legenza, Michael W	\$2,421.25	Olbrys, Maria S	\$74,921.03
Leonard-Waterman, Kathleen C	\$80,663.73	Oliveira, Rachel R	\$28,820.09
Levitre, Suzanne E	\$44,089.18	Parenteau, Jennifer M	\$52,028.32
Lipsett, Edward F	\$43,027.52	Pelland, Michaela R	\$16,594.00
Lockwood, Amy E	\$1,162.50	Pereira, Cliff R	\$58,455.79
Lovely, Mary E	\$56,077.21	Pilibosian, Carol A	\$13,002.50
MacMillan, Maureen	\$68,178.49	Pilla-Gallerani, Jill M	\$105,155.39
Maloney, Ann P	\$25,219.18	Pilling, Christopher S	\$66,546.85
Maloney, Deborah A	\$30,453.00	Plante-Goldstein, Sharon	\$1,725.00
Marcotte, Nicholas N	\$61,158.46	Poirier, Angela M	\$25,375.92
Marlborough, Carrie A	\$25,280.34	Poirier, Jessica R	\$58,363.61
Marston, Brooke A	\$2,920.00	Poirier, Tina M	\$34,109.33
Marszalkowski, Daniel A	\$2,025.60	Potter, Joann R	\$44,168.93
Martineau, Erin R	\$14,698.14	Powers, Patricia J	\$64,873.14
Martinelli, Christine J	\$25,023.11	Preece, Krystle K	\$21,593.43
Martino-Harms, Andrea J	\$62,220.15	Rayos, Lora J	\$28,991.31
Martins, Kevin M	\$62,366.83	Reilly, Jenna L	\$11,734.91
Martufi, Caitlin P	\$66,379.35	Reilly, Sheri L	\$68,990.49
Maurice, Jamie A	\$79,144.35	Remillard, Erica D	\$27,358.04
Maxwell-Rounds, Lisa A	\$62,878.69	Remillard, Joan M	\$868.50
McCall, Candace M	\$20,674.23	Renz, Christine E	\$57,512.50
McCormick, W John	\$82,219.35	Renzi, Andrea A	\$9,582.96
McCourt, Kevin M	\$79,189.66	Riedel, Jean L	\$48,069.64
McCrum, Kelly A	\$49,719.49	Rielly, Susan S	\$80,336.00
McLean, Marianne J	\$61,758.44	Roberge, Hillary J	\$57,707.97
McNamara, Keith M	\$70,138.35	Robertson, Christine R	\$77,229.80
Medeiros, Jessica S	\$66,145.29	Robinson, Lynn A	\$17,104.96
Menard, Jacqueline A	\$23,403.60	Rodrigues, Patricia A	\$24,422.98
Menard, Kristi A	\$36,293.64	Roe, Ethan	\$80,803.79
Menard, Megan L	\$57,905.50	Roman, Nicolas	\$3,457.28
Mignanelli, Barbara	\$78,027.79	Romano, Ann M	\$53,390.93
Mohamed, Bamby L	\$5,137.50	Romiglio, Yvonne C	\$1,740.00
Monroe, Bradford A	\$18,587.50	Rondeau, Jill A	\$42,247.50
Moreau, Linda A	\$78,558.63	Rose, Maureen	\$78,245.29
Morin, Diane M	\$83,180.72	Rosenbaum, Katherine M	\$65,679.35
Morrisson, Kelly L	\$7,339.13	Ross, Jacklyn S	\$13,075.20
Munns, William J	\$7,117.50	Rousselle, Renee	\$82,380.63
Murphy, Eileen S	\$19,696.34	Rowden, Audra A	\$36,053.64
Nagelschmidt, Mary J	\$32,708.17	Roy, Kimberly A	\$25,794.00
Najarian, Robin A	\$78,415.13	Ryan, Marie A	\$7,200.00
Nerbonne, Jean M	\$23,639.00	Ryan, Paula M	\$67,629.57

Sacco, Nicole L	\$55,273.89	Trudeau, Kimberley NT	\$59,194.57
Salome, Linda A	\$53,176.50	Tullock, Alexandria D	\$30,637.43
Sandstrom, Samantha A	\$16,586.75	Tullock, Madison R	\$1,050.00
Santoro, Dorothy P	\$74,827.14	Turgeon, Emily E	\$70,688.13
Sawyer, Diane E	\$3,881.25	Uppstrom, Kelsey L	\$48,054.00
Schaper, Nicholas P	\$31,723.74	Vaughan, Maryalice	\$51,385.14
Scoggins, Christine S	\$2,912.25	Villucci, Kaitlyn R	\$39,033.85
Scott, Lynne S	\$77,143.93	Volk, Kari M	\$62,419.11
Scott, Sean P	\$44,257.96	Walker, Jennifer L	\$48,279.14
Scoville, Kristen N	\$31,577.36	Walker, Matthew B	\$50,699.35
Shafer, Christina M	\$101,563.99	Walsh, Brigitte B	\$60,954.53
Shafer, Todd L	\$97,714.15	Warren, Maureen L	\$80,556.64
Shaughnessy, Nicole E	\$58,719.46	Wiegers, Sue Ann	\$71,367.50
Shea, Debra L	\$20,214.56	Williams, Michelle L	\$67,357.07
Sheerin, Angela R	\$53,813.43	Wolfgang, Lea D	\$18,995.47
Sheridan, Jeanne H	\$19,708.48	Wolford, Julianne C	\$36,408.13
Sherman, Mary B	\$64,914.27	Young, Karen M	\$62,160.44
Simard, Monique F	\$57,934.39	Yurick, Juliet D	\$60,282.57
Simonetti, Pamela J	\$20,427.03	Zagame, Stephanie C	\$585.00
Slate, Steven H	\$58,660.08	Zilonis, Tessa G	\$22,427.20
Smith, Marie G	\$5,768.22		
Soares, Brian F	\$17,061.06		
Solari, Jennifer A	\$76,579.93		
Soule, Patricia E	\$76,089.79		
Spont, Anne M	\$67,301.29		
Stalnaker, Carrie M	\$1,980.00		
Staples, Daniel R	\$19,295.43		
Staples, Janet D	\$772.75		
Staples, John C	\$2,775.00		
Stearman, Kathy L	\$19,882.00		
Stefanick, Katelyn R	\$4,777.50		
Stefanik, Karen M	\$20,866.88		
Stone, Pepper A	\$11,895.00		
Sullivan, Allison K	\$55,031.14		
Sullivan, Timothy J	\$55,775.00		
Swanson, Francine P	\$22,704.20		
Swanson, Gwyn J	\$4,768.75		
Sztabor, Mary Beth E	\$1,020.00		
Takessian, Brenda L	\$15,451.08		
Tasick, Lori A	\$74,689.79		
Tasker, Sara E	\$24,076.09		
Teixeira, Taylor M	\$56,167.71		
Tetreault, Jovanna M	\$41,751.03		
Thompson, Karen P	\$76,652.42		
Torvi, Janice A	\$81,703.28		
Tringali, Steven J	\$96,752.89		
Trottier, Lisa A	\$80,648.70		

Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
Fiscal Year 2018 Annual Report
July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

A Message from the Superintendent-Director

Thanks to you, our students experienced a top-notch education during Fiscal Year 2018. We are grateful for your continued support, and we have chosen to utilize our Annual Report as an opportunity to highlight our students' successes and District achievements for you. Your financial and personal support of our school system creates opportunities for our students to explore different career paths, academic subjects, activities, and viewpoints on their roads to success.

One of the most telling indicators of the impact of your investment in our vocational technical delivery system comes from the seemingly always-busy hallways, laboratories, and athletic fields of our campus. Students, staff, and alumni alike are fully immersed in our school culture, and often spend additional time on campus reaching for success or assisting others.

Nicole White was one of the many alumni who have reached out to their alma mater after graduation. A 2016 Culinary Arts graduate, Nicole posted on our social media page requesting art work from current students to display at an event hosted by the non-profit MassLEAP where she was completing an internship. In our quest to share in her current success, we learned Nicole's path from BVT to MassLEAP was filled with twists and turns. We knew her story was the perfect case study in flexibility, adaptability, and curious exploration skills required to be successful in the 21st century.

A success story like Nicole's is not uncommon in today's fast-paced, ever-changing world. The vast array of skills she, and all other BVT students, learned while in high school ensures preparation for whatever comes next.

I am incredibly proud to be a part of the BVT community, and I hope you are too. I thank you for your long-term support of our system, and I encourage you to read on to see how our students and staff are continuing their curious journey of exploration toward success and happiness.

Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick
Superintendent-Director

Alumni Profile: Nicole White – Curious Exploration

Although some people see their success moving in a continuous, straight line, others find their success following a more circuitous path. The old notion of climbing directly to the top of the corporate ladder has become outdated as people begin to approach their careers as fluid and ever changing. Nicole's dedication to curious exploration has led her to unexpected, yet significant and impactful, experiences on her way to future career success.

A plate of spaghetti is an apt description of what Nicole White's, Class of 2016, story looks like from the outside looking in. Her plans transitioned from one extreme – the Culinary Arts industry – to another – becoming a veterinary assistant – during her high school years alone. Early in her college career, more twists were put into her career planning as she moved from a veterinary assisting major to a nursing major to a psychology major, yet fear is not a word in Nicole's vocabulary.

Nicole seizes opportunities to explore different possibilities and pursues them with intense dedication. She's curious about the world around her and doesn't hesitate to try or fail. After all, the Culinary Arts program at BVT was a four-year base that was ultimately helpful preparation in determining her career path. Then there was the semester of Veterinary Assisting at Becker College in Worcester, MA where she learned a career in veterinary medicine would not be advantageous to her. That was followed up by a semester in the nursing program, where she learned her interests did not align with the medical field. Now, she's chosen to pursue psychology, but Nicole still sees fluidity in herself and her career path.

Applying to BVT was a simple decision for Nicole. It would be a new adventure with her friends by her side, and together they would gain a head start on life by finding their passions and pursuing them at a young age. However, as the admissions process wore on, her friends slowly changed their minds about the school and tried to convince her to do the same.

"In the beginning, it was easy. I was going, all my friends were going, but then after they all changed their minds, I was like 'wow, I'm not going to know anyone'...and then it was a tough decision to make."

Taking the leap and embarking upon new opportunities, Nicole focused on what could be ahead. After the freshman Exploratory period, Nicole hoped to follow in her sister's footsteps and be a part of the Health Services program. The placement would give her a head start on a career in the medical field and she could explore working in a variety of clinical settings.

Instead, Nicole experienced a detour on her road to success. She was placed in the Culinary Arts program, her second choice placement, and began to imagine a future in the industry.

She enjoyed the creative freedom that came with being in the kitchen and bakeshop, but as graduation approached she realized a career in the Culinary Arts field was not for her.

"Going to BVT made me a hard worker, but pursuing Culinary Arts ended up not being the best choice for me and my future," Nicole said. "I knew that no matter what I pursued, the life skills I learned in Culinary Arts would help me be successful."

As she thought about her next step, she heard BVT was researching the feasibility of adding a Veterinary Assisting program in the future.

"Hearing BVT was thinking about something with pre-veterinary sparked something in my mind, and I thought that would be a great career fit for me."

She enrolled in the Veterinary Assisting program at Becker College as the hands-on program is among the best and she could save money by living at home during her schooling. A lucrative, exciting career in the veterinary medicine industry was ahead of her – that is until the hives, sneezing, and coughing began.

"I learned I have allergies to animals and my allergies got so bad I couldn't even be in the same room as a dog without sneezing and coughing," Nicole said. "I thought there's no way I will be able to be a veterinarian and be able to do it to the best of my abilities because I'll be too busy sneezing."

Once again, Nicole's path had circled back to the starting line. She thought back to her time at BVT and realized she could pursue her original first-choice career path, so she switched to the Nursing program at Becker and declared a minor in psychology.

"I did one semester, and it was absolutely horrible. Anatomy and Physiology was the worst experience of my life, and I knew it wasn't for me," she said.

Stepping back to consider her options yet again, she thought back to her time at BVT and the career tests she had taken in the past as well as the one's she had taken more recently. Each test noted her inclination towards psychology and social work. Her performance in current psychology classes validated her knack for the field, so Nicole declared a psychology major.

"This experience is helping me learn what I don't want to do, which is just as important to me as what I do want to do," Nicole said. "I feel like I have better skills to choose a career path that will truly make me happy."

With the help of her advisor at Becker College, Nicole narrowed down her career ambitions to a single sentence: "I want to help people and change lives." With that in mind, her advisor suggested she participate in the school's Semester in the City program. The program gives students the opportunity to live in Boston for the semester while taking classes and participating in an internship with a nonprofit organization.

Nicole was paired with MassLEAP, whose mission is to bring youth communities together through spoken word poetry.

"It's really about getting people to talk, getting people to listen and understand each other instead of pointing fingers and not listening," Nicole said.

As part of the internship, Nicole worked with students to plan poetry nights and writing workshops before she was tasked with planning her own event. She chose to combine spoken word poetry with visual art in an event called Painting Poetry. The event displayed 40 pieces of art work from high school students across the nation and gave student poets an opportunity to tell their stories to the visiting crowd.

"People were really thankful for the event and I had a lot of people who said these kinds of events don't happen often, so they jumped at the opportunity to submit their art," she said.

The program solidified Nicole's desire to change lives by helping people; it also showed her a way to do it. She experienced a broad range of diverse viewpoints, learned about different art forms, and discovered new parts of herself.

"I was always so afraid of change, but, once you experience it, it's kind of addictive," she said. "Now, I want to do crazy things and experience new things because that's the best way to learn."

Although her career path thus far has resembled a plate of spaghetti rather than a ladder to the top, Nicole knows these experiences have given her maturity and wisdom while shaping her thoughts about the world.

"I've learned to work in diverse groups, and I didn't realize how different cultures and experiences bring so many different ideas to the table," she said. "Diversity just works better. You have more successful ways of innovating when you have different viewpoints."

She knows many people express frustration with young people like herself who attend vocational schools, but choose to follow different career paths than their selected trade. However, Nicole feels no one should expect someone's learning to end after high school. After all, it's estimated only 27 percent of people are in a job directly related to their college major, so Nicole's diverse resume will be an asset to her.

"BVT doesn't only teach trades. It doesn't only teach its students to be the best in the specific fields they want to be in. BVT teaches students about real life. It teaches about community; it teaches that putting in hard work is the way to get the results you've been dreaming," she said.

As Nicole prepares to enter her junior year at Becker College, she knows there are still twists and turns along the way, but she feels prepared for them because BVT taught her to be flexible and resilient in responding to unexpected changes and embracing new opportunities.

Fear is not a word in Nicole's vocabulary, but fearless surely is. Every experience gives her new knowledge, insight, and expertise to aid in her journey to success.

Giving Back: The Value of Play

During the Third Annual Project Playhouse unveiling on April 25th, BVT Construction Technology students brought sunshine to a rainy day when they presented the VanderZicht family of Uxbridge with a custom-made, train station-inspired playhouse.

Project Playhouse is a collaborative project between Bryant University, Rosemary's Wish Kids, and local high school students who design and build playhouses for local families. The VanderZicht family immediately began making memories in their new playhouse shortly after the unveiling.

"The kids have been asking for a clubhouse or a treehouse. Now they won't be asking for that anymore," said Brian VanderZicht. "The students did an awesome job; I love that it's completely finished and so beautiful."

The BVT students began working on the playhouse in January. Local businesses, including Koopman's Lumber in Whitinsville and Plywood Plus in Worcester, donated materials to the project. After several weeks of planning and revising, the students set to work building the playhouse train station known as Seaside Station. The students included wooden train tracks on the side of the playhouse to tie the theme into the design.

"The best part of the project was watching the kids have fun in the playhouse and knowing that you helped do that," said Nicholas Pires, a Class of 2018 Construction Technology graduate from Milford. "We don't always get to see the reaction to our work, so to see kids enjoying it made the hard work worth it."

Honoring the Class of 2018

Graduates beamed with pride as cheers echoed throughout the Hanover Theatre at Blackstone Valley Tech's Class of 2018 commencement ceremony on May 30th.

The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts in Worcester was packed as family, friends, and educators gathered to take part in the commencement ceremony honoring 296 students. The night marked the conclusion of their dual high school education as they received their vocational certificates and diplomas.

Superintendent-Director Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick reminded students to continuously seek new knowledge and refuse to remain stagnant. He advised students to be focused on their goals, but to remain flexible as the world constantly changes.

"Be productive, show the world your talents, and define success on your own terms," Fitzpatrick said. "Always remember that life is not linear, but the twists and turns are what makes it exciting, fun, and worthwhile."

Following the commencement ceremony, the sidewalks outside the Hanover Theatre were packed as hundreds of proud parents, guardians, family members, and friends greeted the BVT Class of 2018 with hugs, cheers, and congratulations.

See the photo gallery at: www.valleytech.k12.ma.us/classof2018

FY18: Another Outstanding Year of Achievements

Our students continue to display their mastery of rigorous academic topics and industry-validated vocational technical competencies.

408

During the 2017–2018 school year, a total of 408 AP course exams were given to 271 students in English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition, U.S. History, Biology, Chemistry, Calculus AB, Computer Science A, MacroEconomics, Physics 1, and Spanish Language & Culture.

16 years

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System's (MCAS) Spring 2017 test results revealed a tremendous performance by BVT students for the 16th straight year. In English Language Arts, 100 percent of our students scored Advanced or Proficient compared favorably to the statewide average of 91 percent. In Math, 95 percent of students scored Advanced or Proficient compared favorably to the state-wide average of 79 percent.

99%

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education requires passing the MCAS Science and Technology/Engineering exams as an additional prerequisite for a diploma. An impressive 99 percent of our students scored Advanced or Proficient compared to 74 percent statewide.

100%

In Spring 2017, 161 freshmen took the High School Science MCAS and 100 percent scored in the Advanced and Proficient categories. This was the fourth straight year 100 percent of our freshmen taking the Science exam scored in the two highest categories.

\$6 million

Members of the Class of 2018 earned more than 200 scholarships and awards with a collective renewable value in excess of \$6 million.

270

A total of 270 juniors and sophomores participated in the fall PSAT/NMSQT and spring PSAT 10 test administrations. Designed by the College Board, the tests are an early indicator of potential student success on the College Board's SAT tests and Advanced Placement program.

Applying STEM Skills

After school in the Engineering Technology shop at Blackstone Valley Tech observers will notice groups of students hunched over tables looking over schematics, strategizing for competition, and reading guidelines. Robots rest on tables and shelves throughout the room along with several metal pieces and tools. The students are members of the school's robotics club who are diligently preparing to compete in, and pursue a spot at the international competitions of, two robotics competition series.

The club meets collectively each week to build and code robots to perform specific tasks. The tasks the robots need to complete differ by competition series as do proportion and function restrictions. The two competition series themselves also differ in size and scope, but both require intense science, technology, engineering, and mathematics preparation.

One of the competition series, VEX Robotics, splits the club into several teams of three to four members who create a robot measuring at most 18" x 18" x 18" to compete in a game. The game changes each year allowing students to flex their engineering skills with a new project.

"I went to the world competition last year for VEX Robotics and it was an amazing experience," said Casey Gosselin, a Class of 2018 Drafting & Engineering Technology graduate from Northbridge. "It's the goal to get back there and compete again."

This year, participants of VEX Robotics tournaments competed in a game called "In the Zone." The object of the game is to score the most points by stacking cones on goal posts in specific zones and building the tallest stack of cones on a goal.

The team began their competition season on November 19th, when five teams attended a tournament at Quinsigamond Community College. There, two of the teams won awards, including the Design Award and the second place title. The Design Award is presented to the team with the top robot design, best engineering notebook, and an outstanding interview with the judges. The success of that competition continued throughout the season and led to three BVT teams to qualify for and compete at the VEX Robotics World Championships where they won the "Inspire Award."

"The VEX competition was nerve wracking, but it was good that our robot competed well," said Gosselin. "It was great to see all the teams come together."

Whereas students began competing in VEX Robotics in the fall, the second competition series the club competes in – FIRST Robotics – kicks into gear in the winter months. At the kickoff ceremony on January 6th, the club learned it would compete in an event called "FIRST Power Up" during the season. The object of the event is to earn the highest score by tipping the game's scale or the alliance's switch in their favor, exchanging power cubes for power ups to gain a temporary advantage during the match, and climbing the scale tower. The club had six weeks to build and program its robot before it was set aside until competition began in March.

The FIRST team competed at four events and won the excellence in engineering award twice, including at the New England District Championships. Their impressive performances throughout the season qualified them for the FIRST International Competition.

"I've learned teamwork and leadership skills, a better understanding of the engineering and design process, and a broad spectrum of engineering skills," said Gosselin. "Being involved in the Robotics Club helped me decide to study robotics and engineering in college next year."

Our Students Excel at SkillsUSA

The annual SkillsUSA competition series is a showcase for vocational technical education where students compete with each other in hands-on, technical exams designed and judged by industry leaders and experts. Our students proved their technical skills are among the best in the country in 2018, and kept their impressive winning streak alive, by earning 158 medals at the district, state, and national levels.

Massachusetts District V Conference
35 GOLD, 34 SILVER, and 33 BRONZE

Massachusetts State Leadership and Skills Conference
22 GOLD, 15 SILVER, and 14 BRONZE

National Leadership and Skills Conference
3 GOLD – Christopher Calvao of Milford and Nicholas Reed of Sutton (Urban Search and Rescue – Team Event); Donovan Tames of Northbridge (Telecommunications Cabling).
1 SILVER – Sarah Arnold of Northbridge (Commercial Baking).
1 BRONZE – Brandon Kee of Milford (Principles of Technology).

Top 20 – Zachary Taylor of Upton (4th Major Appliance Technology); Jack Mandella of Sutton (4th Welding); John Doiron of Douglas (6th Dental Assisting); David Stewart of Mendon (6th Diesel Equipment Technology); Vella Ross of Northbridge (7th Medical Terminology); Timothy Snow of Mendon (10th Technical Drafting); Gibran Kafal of Northbridge (14th Culinary Arts); Cameron Pelletier of Milford and Justin Thayer of Uxbridge (14th Mobile Robotics Technology – Team Event); Ethan Blake of Millville (18th CNC Milling Specialist).

NATIONAL VOTING DELEGATES – David Brown of Douglas; Abby Kelly of Hopedale; Kelley Muanya of Milford.

NATIONAL OFFICER – Adam Cavanaugh of Milford.

STATE OFFICER – Anika Koopman of Northbridge.

Combating Gender Violence

The #MeToo and Time's Up movements have brought sexual assault and gender violence into the national spotlight. The stories of abuse in the sports and entertainment industries led many to begin advocating for changes in laws, boardrooms, locker rooms, and everyday conversations. The BVT SkillsUSA Community Service team saw the national conversation as a platform to launch their annual public service campaign.

The SkillsUSA Community Service Team, Mina Dehestani of Millville, Anita Faath of Hopedale, and Madeleine Asacker of Mendon trained students and staff to recognize and address the signs of

gender violence. The team participated in the Game Change: The Patriots Anti-Violence Partnership training program to learn anti-violence strategies.

The Game Change program is a partnership between the New England Patriots Charitable Foundation and the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office that aims to implement long-term anti-violence and healthy relationship education in Massachusetts schools.

The training curriculum, Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP), gives students the skills to recognize dynamics of power and control that can lead to relationship and gender-based violence. The Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University runs the program.

The training gave the students the tools to spot and address gender violence in their own lives and train other students to do the same.

"Participating in the Game Change training and watching other students develop new ideas from the materials made me appreciate the role students have in bringing the community together as a whole and educating people to end problems like dating violence," said Asacker. "I noticed my ideas and thoughts changed and grew as I went through the training. It is inspiring to work side-by-side with such resourceful people to end gender-based violence."

The two-day training at Blackstone Valley Tech trained the three members of the Community Service team as well as six other BVT students, 10 Nipmuc students, and 10 Blackstone- Millville students.

The students returned to their schools and spread the messages taught by the Game Change program. The BVT SkillsUSA Community Service team also completed several additional initiatives, including a workshop with local middle school students.

Celebrating Excellence

The accomplishments of our students and staff included numerous awards and recognitions in FY18.

Non-Traditional Student of the Year

Class of 2018 Manufacturing & Engineering Technology graduate Silvana Reid of Mendon was selected as the recipient of the Massachusetts Vocational Association's Non-Traditional Student of the Year Award.

Reid was selected for her commitment to her manufacturing and engineering technology training, academic education, leadership skills, and school involvement. As part of the award, Reid received a \$500 scholarship to continue her manufacturing and engineering education at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Art All-State

The Massachusetts Art Education Association invited Grace Peters, a junior from Sutton in our Painting & Design Technology program, and Madison Durand, a junior from Millville in the Multimedia Communications program, to attend the Art All-State program held at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

Art All-State is a selective, intense, two-day program that brings together 145 artistically exceptional high school juniors to work with artists and create collaborative art installations. Students also learn about art careers through conversations with 16 artist mentor who discuss their work and share their experiences.

Lions Young Ambassador of the 21st Century

In February 2018, Brandon Kee, a sophomore Engineering Technology student from Milford received the Lions Young Ambassador of the 21st Century award at the Lions District 33-A Mid-Winter Conference. While any high school student within the Central Massachusetts region is eligible for the award, each year the committee selects just one winner. The award recognizes students for outstanding community service, leadership, and scholastic achievement.

Project Lead the Way Distinguished School

BVT's educational philosophy centers on embracing new learning models and creating project-based curriculum that engages students. In 2014, the school found a perfect partnership with Project Lead the Way, a nonprofit organization that provides transformative learning experiences for students and teachers by empowering them to develop in-demand, transportable knowledge and skills through computer science, engineering, and biomedical science pathways.

The organization recognized BVT as a 2017–2018 Project Lead the Way Distinguished School for its commitment to increasing student access, engagement, and achievement in PLTW programs. BVT is one of only 133 high schools across the United States to receive the honor.

Green Difference Awards

BVT teamed up with National Grid of New England to design and build energy efficient models to assist consumers in finding environmentally and economically friendly products.

The display models act as interactive training stations to help educate consumers about heat pump technology, energy efficient lighting options, and modern construction and insulation. The year-long project involved six faculty members and 35 students from four of our vocational programs: Electrical, Painting & Design Technology, HVAC&R, and Construction Technology.

The project earned the school an Outstanding School-Led Project in Energy award at the 2018 Green Difference Awards. Project Green Schools presented the award to students and staff on April 13, 2018 at the Massachusetts State House.

Community Projects

Giving back is a pillar of our school culture and commitment to promoting value-based, experiential learning opportunities. Each year, our students participate in community projects, which give District residents a tangible return on their investment while providing students with real-world experience. BVT's work on capital improvement projects throughout the District is a source of financial relief for local budgets as is our ability to use internal, vocational technical talent for on-campus improvements and renovations. We're proud to share our students' talents, and provide further savings for District residents, by inviting our stakeholders to enjoy discounted services in our student-run restaurant, salon, and design and print center.

In FY18, a total of 374 projects and services resulted in significant savings for our District:

Direct Savings to Towns	\$294,582
In-School Projects, Installations, and Repairs	<u>\$184,759</u>
Total Savings to Taxpayers	\$479,341

A few of the FY17 community projects include:

Bellingham Public Library Renovation

They say, "don't judge a book by its cover," but why not make the it the best it can be? The Construction Technology students made sure the Bellingham Public Library looked its best by removing a section of old siding and replacing it with new siding to match the existing exterior.

"Thanks to BVT for their work on the library's siding this week," the Bellingham Public Library said on its Facebook page. "Now both sides of the library building match!"

Building Out the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Construction Technology students learned to match new construction with old construction while helping the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce create instructional spaces for its workforce training center. The center will house two state-of-the-art classrooms and a fabrication laboratory to aid in addressing the gap of skilled workers in Massachusetts.

BVT students, who themselves are working to close the skills gap through their vocational training, built partitions at the site to create the classrooms and laboratories within the Linwood Mill. After the Construction Technology students finished their build out, the Electrical students stepped in to reroute wire displaced in the construction, run new cabling, bring power and lighting into the space, and drop internet wires in the classrooms.

"Through this partnership with BVT, a valuable entity was created that can change the lives of those who take part in the programs and projects presented at this facility," said Jeannie Hebert, President and CEO of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Refurbished Upton Rescue Truck

It's difficult to miss the bright red Upton Rescue Truck driving down the street, and, thanks to the BVT Auto Collision Repair and Refinishing students, it should continue to service the town's residents for another five to 10 years.

The students, led by instructors David Beaudreau and Benjamin Bertrand, rebuilt the Ford F-350 using replacement pieces from other vehicles. The refurbished vehicle, devoid of rust spots, was then painted the signature red color before the Painting & Design Technology students stepped in to finish the project by applying vinyl lettering.

Athletic Field Scoreboard

The far end of BVT's main athletic field was outfitted with a new scoreboard this year thanks in part to a donation from UniBank and the hard work of several BVT vocational programs. The students were heavily involved from start to finish replacing the old, weather-damaged scoreboard with a new, LED-lit version.

The Drafting students created blueprints for the project, the Electrical students wired the scoreboard and ensured it functioned properly, the Manufacturing students produced and welded the frames for the signs above and below the scoreboard, the Auto Collision students

painted the background of the signs, and the Painting and Design students created and applied the vinyl Beaver mascot to cap off the project.

Now, as many of our student athletes compete on the field, they can look up and see their hard work displayed for all.

Return on Investment

BVT Budget Leverages Grants, Enhances Skills, and Creates Student Opportunities

Our School Committee developed the District's FY18 budget in a manner that adheres to strict state requirements while also responding to the identified needs of local business and industry. The District's administration worked in partnership with the Central Workforce Investment Board to identify and respond to specific industries experiencing worker shortages and skills gaps. Despite a very modest increase in State Aid, the District leveraged grant and other private funding opportunities to hold the operating budget to a 3.50% increase. The School Committee also authorized the use of \$250,000 in available reserves to help offset the State's raise in minimum contributions for member towns, including its 3.05% increase for FY18.

Administration, faculty, and students continually search out ways to improve processes, curtail energy consumption, and reduce waste to contain costs at the school. Additionally, we manage spending, and promote a positive learning environment, by striving for teacher excellence through targeted professional development opportunities while stressing the importance of a healthy lifestyle for our students and staff alike.

The District's FY18 operating budget of \$22,725,302 was funded primarily by \$8,994,605 in Chapter 70 & 71 State Aid and \$13,267,666 in Member Assessments. As a dedicated partner of our District towns, we remain committed to further assisting in their fiscal management, austerity, and planning by presenting a single, consolidated annual request. Valley Tech operates within the dollars requested regardless of any unforeseen variables within anticipated revenue streams.

Grants: Complementing Community Support

BVT continues to aggressively pursue non-taxpayer resources available through public and private grants or donations to support enhanced learning, programs, and services for students. In FY18, local assessments were complemented by more than \$1.2 million in grants, private sector support, and efficiencies.

In FY18, BVT furthered its commitment to bringing state-of-the-art equipment and curriculum to students when it was awarded a \$12,000 Project Lead the Way STEM Career Pathway Capacity Grant. The grant allowed the school to implement a PLTW Computer Science pathway for the Information Technology program, support teacher professional development, and purchase materials and equipment used in the hands-on, project-based course. We're one of 73 schools across the Commonwealth to receive the grant, which is supported by the Baker- Polito Administration, the One8 Foundation, and Mass STEM Hub.

"It is essential that we engage our students throughout their K-12 school years with hands-on lessons in science, engineering, computer science, technology, and math," said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito.

In addition to grants, BVT saved on capital expenses throughout FY18 by securing more than \$45,000 in funding donations from business and industry partners. A generous donation from the

Rose Family helped the school build a therapeutic green space in its courtyard to further social emotional learning and mental health initiatives. BVT also secured donations from several local banks to assist in maintaining student transportation vans used for community projects and educational field trips.

Class of 2018: Blackstone Graduates

NHS: National Honor Society

NTHS: National Technical Honor Society

Zachary Michael Bergeron, Plumbing (NHS/NTHS); Sean Liam Brady, Culinary Arts; Morgan Jean Briggs, Business Technology (NHS/NTHS); Kayla Lee Chaplin, Business Technology (NHS/NTHS); Dylan Clayton Chartier, Automotive Technology; Zachary Mark Craven, Engineering Technology; Mikayla Olive Darden, Health Services (NHS/NTHS); John Paul Davidge, Plumbing; Daniel Carlton Gaskill, Manufacturing and Engineering Technology; Jack David Jacome, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Lucas Roger Laliberte, Automotive Technology; Anthony Michael Mazzola, Drafting and Engineering Technology; Sarah Elizabeth Mendes, Culinary Arts; Matthew Ryan Messier, Automotive Technology; Brianna Mary Morin, Business Technology; Meaghan Carol O'Brien, Business Technology; Owen Ralph Pickering, Plumbing; Jordan Elizabeth Pryor, Business Technology; Rachel Ann Santagate, Culinary Arts; Tori Elizabeth Socci, Drafting and Engineering Technology; William Joseph Starnes, Plumbing.

Our School Committee

The Blackstone Valley Tech School Committee is comprised of 13 dedicated individuals, elected district-wide, with representation from each of our member towns. With many years of experience in fields ranging from business and industry to law and education, they provide invaluable expertise in overseeing operations and setting District policy.

Chairman: Joseph M. Hall – Bellingham

Vice Chairman: Gerald M. Finn – Millville

Assistant Treasurer: Chester P. Hanratty, Jr. – Millbury

Secretary: Anthony M. Yitts – Grafton

Joseph A. Broderick – Blackstone

John C. Lavin, III – Douglas

Mitchell A. Intinarelli – Hopedale

Dennis P. Braun – Mendon

Paul J. Braza – Milford

Jeff T. Koopman – Northbridge

Julie H. Mitchell – Sutton

David R. Bartlett – Upton

James H. Ebbeling – Uxbridge

Superintendent-Director: Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick

Assistant Superintendent-Director/Principal: Anthony E. Steele, II

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations: Kurtis W. Johnson

District Treasurer: Barbara A. Auger

BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**TOWN RATIO SALARY LISTING FOR FY2018**

Kindly note that Blackstone Valley Technical High School teaching staff, unlike traditional high schools, are responsible for a 195 day school year.

Additionally, included with this listing are full year Administrators and Support Staff who work 260 days a year.

Last Name	First Name	Base Salary	Blackstone Share .06194
Al-Haza	Khalid	\$ 91,109.00	\$ 5,643.29
Allain-Paul	Courtney	\$ 68,454.00	\$ 4,240.04
Allen	Craig	\$ 86,182.00	\$ 5,338.11
Antonelli	Jennifer	\$ 53,242.00	\$ 3,297.81
Auger	Barbara	\$ 26,636.11	\$ 1,649.84
Aukstikalnis	James	\$ 88,527.00	\$ 5,483.36
Bates	Christine	\$ 78,498.00	\$ 4,862.17
Beaudreau	David	\$ 74,435.00	\$ 4,610.50
Beauregard	Victoria	\$ 61,768.20	\$ 3,825.92
Belland	Thomas	\$ 113,835.50	\$ 7,050.97
Bertrand	Benjamin	\$ 54,908.00	\$ 3,401.00
Bird	James	\$ 94,114.00	\$ 5,829.42
Bisceglia	Shayne	\$ 50,559.60	\$ 3,131.66
Boisvert	Russell	\$ 49,317.96	\$ 3,054.75
Booker	Aaron	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 4,335.80
Boynton	Courtney	\$ 56,425.74	\$ 3,495.01
Brochu	James	\$ 106,466.78	\$ 6,594.55
Burke	John	\$ 63,855.00	\$ 3,955.18
Caligaris	Steven	\$ 88,527.00	\$ 5,483.36
Cann	Danielle	\$ 71,177.00	\$ 4,408.70
Chan	Ting-pak	\$ 68,264.04	\$ 4,228.27
Cirignano	George	\$ 37,945.28	\$ 2,350.33
Collamati	Joseph	\$ 32,320.60	\$ 2,001.94
Collard	Cynthia	\$ 88,527.00	\$ 5,483.36
Collins	Timothy	\$ 68,328.00	\$ 4,232.24
Colonero	Anne-Marie	\$ 47,577.24	\$ 2,946.93
Conley	Mark	\$ 49,577.32	\$ 3,070.82
Connors	Matthew	\$ 94,114.00	\$ 5,829.42
Coonan	Barry	\$ 94,114.00	\$ 5,829.42
Corda	Rebecca	\$ 56,568.42	\$ 3,503.85
Corriveau	Joseph	\$ 78,498.00	\$ 4,862.17
Coulombe	Gina	\$ 5,561.54	\$ 344.48
Creely	George	\$ 94,114.00	\$ 5,829.42
Cunningham	Katie	\$ 47,828.80	\$ 2,962.52
D'Amico	LouAnn	\$ 67,220.92	\$ 4,163.66

Deane	Andrea	\$	16,795.59	\$	1,040.32
DeMarco	Rebecca	\$	46,236.39	\$	2,863.88
Denise	Michele	\$	111,664.88	\$	6,916.52
Diesenhaus	Scott	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36
Dolegiewicz	Robert	\$	43,763.20	\$	2,710.69
Donahue	Susan	\$	19,776.36	\$	1,224.95
Donovan	Meghan	\$	48,351.47	\$	2,994.89
Donovan	Pamela	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Dubois	Dawn	\$	84,005.00	\$	5,203.27
Duncan	Victoria	\$	55,287.58	\$	3,424.51
Elder	Kimberly	\$	55,890.12	\$	3,461.83
Ellis	Adele	\$	88,626.00	\$	5,489.49
Evans III	Edward	\$	101,295.20	\$	6,274.22
Faticanti	Michael	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36
Finnell	Jeanette	\$	12,330.00	\$	763.72
Finnell	Thomas	\$	47,174.40	\$	2,921.98
Fiore	Jonathan	\$	76,060.00	\$	4,711.16
Fitzpatrick	Mark	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Fitzpatrick	Michael	\$	231,881.72	\$	14,362.75
Flagg	John	\$	54,411.00	\$	3,370.22
Fleisher	Amy	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Flynn	Joseph	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Forgit	Caitlin	\$	68,736.00	\$	4,257.51
Forman	Nicole	\$	41,400.00	\$	2,564.32
Freitas	Timothy	\$	73,617.00	\$	4,559.84
Garrison	Jennifer	\$	91,109.00	\$	5,643.29
Gaskill	Rodney	\$	53,688.80	\$	3,325.48
Gothier	Brent	\$	59,291.00	\$	3,672.48
Grabowski	Stephen	\$	55,332.54	\$	3,427.30
Granger	Gillian	\$	68,736.00	\$	4,257.51
Greenlaw	Tina	\$	62,228.00	\$	3,854.40
Grimes	Elizabeth	\$	81,063.00	\$	5,021.04
Halacy	Brian	\$	17,360.00	\$	1,075.28
Hale	Karen	\$	63,823.00	\$	3,953.20
Hanington	Cheryl	\$	92,175.74	\$	5,709.37
Hathaway	Dedra-Cyra	\$	104,077.75	\$	6,446.58
Healy	Lesley	\$	34,464.74	\$	2,134.75
Hollingworth	Holly	\$	71,177.00	\$	4,408.70
Holmes	Cheryl	\$	28,582.16	\$	1,770.38
Hughes	Tersilia	\$	59,189.52	\$	3,666.20
Johnson	Brooke	\$	61,413.00	\$	3,803.92
Johnson	Kurtis	\$	138,450.70	\$	8,575.64
Jordan	Robert	\$	52,467.00	\$	3,249.81
Kahler	James	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Kehowski	Shaun	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Kelly	John	\$	91,109.00	\$	5,643.29
Khorasani	Barbara	\$	48,438.52	\$	3,000.28

Koopman	Priscilla	\$	25,114.55	\$	1,555.60
Lajoie	Matthew	\$	53,688.80	\$	3,325.48
Lamont	Thomas	\$	67,111.00	\$	4,156.86
Langin	Colleen	\$	78,498.00	\$	4,862.17
Laprade	David	\$	39,979.28	\$	2,476.32
Lathrop	Alysen	\$	23,288.58	\$	1,442.49
Lavallee	Judith	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
LeBoeuf-Dubois	Sharon	\$	66,135.10	\$	4,096.41
Ledoux	Nicole	\$	58,970.00	\$	3,652.60
Lefrancois	Deanna	\$	66,292.00	\$	4,106.13
Lehner	Raymond	\$	91,109.00	\$	5,643.29
Lehtinen	Brian	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
LeMay	Georgette	\$	37,387.38	\$	2,315.77
Lewis	David	\$	84,005.00	\$	5,203.27
Linfield	Tara	\$	83,354.00	\$	5,162.95
Lizotte	Charles	\$	8,400.48	\$	520.33
Locwin	Brian	\$	71,177.00	\$	4,408.70
Lubas	Paula	\$	47,091.20	\$	2,916.83
MacKenzie	Jessica	\$	73,617.00	\$	4,559.84
MacLure	Ashley	\$	62,228.00	\$	3,854.40
MacWilliams	Marcia	\$	94,003.79	\$	5,822.59
Malo	Kathryn	\$	54,908.00	\$	3,401.00
Maloney	Nicholas	\$	52,467.00	\$	3,249.81
Mangano	Lorna	\$	96,022.50	\$	5,947.63
Manoogian	Kathleen	\$	38,739.36	\$	2,399.52
Mantoni	Joseph	\$	54,908.00	\$	3,401.00
Marszalek	Megan	\$	34,338.46	\$	2,126.92
Martell	Caroline	\$	23,598.92	\$	1,461.72
Martell	Kristin	\$	88,626.00	\$	5,489.49
Masso	Kaitlin	\$	23,427.00	\$	1,451.07
Maynard	Catherine	\$	53,949.80	\$	3,341.65
Mayo	Thomas	\$	46,746.36	\$	2,895.47
McCabe	Monique	\$	59,786.00	\$	3,703.14
McDermott	Suzanne	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
McSweeney	Erin	\$	36,000.00	\$	2,229.84
Merchant	Susan	\$	58,229.47	\$	3,606.73
Miles	Danielle	\$	68,617.00	\$	4,250.14
Milewski	Susan	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Millette	James	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Mitchell	John	\$	74,435.00	\$	4,610.50
Morin	Daniel	\$	67,111.00	\$	4,156.86
Moynihan	Kerry	\$	66,611.00	\$	4,125.89
Mulcahy	Jessica	\$	1,040.00	\$	64.42
Murray	Charles	\$	53,539.20	\$	3,316.22
Naper	Justine	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Nigro	Ann	\$	91,109.00	\$	5,643.29
Norton	Michael	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36

O'Leary	Justin	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
O'Neil	Leonard	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
O'Neil	Rosario	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36
Odell	Eileen	\$	40,126.94	\$	2,485.46
Olson	Jessica	\$	85,794.00	\$	5,314.08
Orlando	Simone	\$	10,278.96	\$	636.68
Orr	Christine	\$	70,713.25	\$	4,379.98
Paldino	Jessica	\$	54,908.00	\$	3,401.00
Pehl	Luanne	\$	81,710.42	\$	5,061.14
Pellegrino	Martha	\$	58,306.03	\$	3,611.48
Perreault	Paul	\$	84,005.00	\$	5,203.27
PolSELLi	Jerry	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
PolSELLi	Kyle	\$	59,786.00	\$	3,703.14
Potenti	Megan	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Ramsey	Walter	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Reynolds	Douglas	\$	46,945.60	\$	2,907.81
Reynolds	Peter	\$	37,678.58	\$	2,333.81
Rhodes	Brian	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36
Rivera	Daniel	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Rivers	Donald	\$	51,251.20	\$	3,174.50
Robinson	Emily	\$	23,716.97	\$	1,469.03
Rondeau	Melody	\$	26,006.40	\$	1,610.84
Rose	Donna	\$	84,005.00	\$	5,203.27
Ruzanski	Kathryn	\$	80,941.00	\$	5,013.49
Sarah	Paul	\$	38,792.00	\$	2,402.78
Savard	Paul	\$	54,908.00	\$	3,401.00
Shea	Kathleen	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Sherman	Elizabeth	\$	64,670.00	\$	4,005.66
Smith	Anne	\$	43,760.08	\$	2,710.50
Smith	Eithne	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Sosa	Kasandra	\$	8,500.50	\$	526.52
Spino	Rosetta	\$	94,250.00	\$	5,837.85
St. Hilaire	Nicole	\$	68,736.00	\$	4,257.51
Stanley	Richard	\$	45,740.52	\$	2,833.17
Steele	Anthony	\$	148,162.96	\$	9,177.21
Stienstra	Derek	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36
Swanick	Michael	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Swasey	Rebecca	\$	103,008.03	\$	6,380.32
Taft	Yajaila	\$	37,384.62	\$	2,315.60
Theroux	David	\$	59,009.60	\$	3,655.05
Theroux	Jon	\$	35,716.44	\$	2,212.28
Toulouse	Christopher	\$	86,182.00	\$	5,338.11
Turner	Alyson	\$	48,115.20	\$	2,980.26
Urquhart	Matthew	\$	105,351.31	\$	6,525.46
Ursoleo	Joseph	\$	61,734.00	\$	3,823.80
VanKeuren	Michael	\$	39,582.40	\$	2,451.73
Walsh	Lisamarie	\$	17,624.79	\$	1,091.68

Ward	Constance	\$	66,611.00	\$	4,125.89
Wersted	Shaun	\$	88,527.00	\$	5,483.36
Whetstone	Ryan	\$	73,499.00	\$	4,552.53
Whitesell	Yvette	\$	115,655.03	\$	7,163.67
Williams	Matthew	\$	94,114.00	\$	5,829.42
Winske	Alicia	\$	68,736.00	\$	4,257.51
Winske	Danielle	\$	58,970.00	\$	3,652.60
Wood	Elizabeth	\$	33,800.00	\$	2,093.57
Woodward	James	\$	84,005.00	\$	5,203.27
Yancik	Derek	\$	13,354.64	\$	827.19
			<u>\$12,448,644.13</u>		<u>\$ 771,069.02</u>

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR 2018

The values for Fiscal 2019 have been certified by the Department of Revenue and the actual bills were mailed December 31, 2018.

Fiscal 2019 is an “Interim” year and so the Board of Assessors together with the Department of Revenue went through a series of studies reviewing the methodology of all property valuations in the Town of Blackstone. This process began January 1, 2018, our values were approved on 11/16/2018, town Growth was approved on 11/16/2018 and culminated on 12/17/2018 with the Tax Rate of 18.91 being certified by the DOR Bureau of Local Services. The next full “Revaluation Year” is scheduled for Fiscal 2021, beginning July 1, 2020.

The Blackstone Board of Assessors’ is composed of three members:

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis is continuing to serve as the Chairman of the Board of Assessors. She has served on the Board since July 2002.

Robert A. Gilbert is continuing to serve on the Board as Vice-Chairman and has been a member since his election in April 2005.

Jeremiah Carey was elected for an unexpired 3year term in April 2018.

Assisting the Board of Assessors as Assistant Assessor is Patricia J. Salamone. Pat was a professional appraiser for over 20 years prior to joining our staff. During those years Pat was a licensed appraiser and maintained her Certified Appraisal License until 2017. Pat is a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor with a MAA designation. Pat has held the position of Assistant Assessor for 12 years.

In March 2017 Kasey Bik was hired as the new Administrative Assistant to the Assessors’ Office. Ms. Bik is a longtime resident of Blackstone. She has made a significant impact in the Assessors’ Office combining her broad knowledge of our office procedures with her excellence in service to the Town of Blackstone and its residents.

The entire Board of Assessors and the Assistant Assessors are all committed to serving the Town of Blackstone residents and hope to keep the residents informed of the assessing process. Please feel free to contact the Board of Assessors or the Assistant Assessors with any questions or concerns.

In 2008 the Board of Assessors voted to readjust the exemption amount for the property tax exemption for senior citizens under general Laws, Chapter 59. Section 5, Clause 41C. They voted to increase the exemption from \$750 to \$1,000, the maximum allowed by law. Applicants must be 65 years or older. This recommendation was placed on the agenda for the 2008 Blackstone Town Meeting and passed. If you have any questions about this exemption, or any other exemptions, please contact our office. Exemption forms are available on line. Our website address is www.townofblackstone.org.

At the Annual Town Meeting on May 26, 2015 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town of Blackstone vote pursuant to Clause 56 of Section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, to extend the authority of the Assessors to grant abatements to members of the Massachusetts National Guard or Military Reservists who are on active duty in foreign countries with respect to all or part of their real and personal property taxes for the fiscal year in which they performed such service, subject to eligibility criteria to be established by the Board of Assessors, effective fiscal year 2015. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Also at the Annual Town Meeting on May 26, 2015 upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town of Blackstone vote to accept the provision of G.L. c.60A, Section 1 that allows cities and towns to exempt from excise taxation motor vehicles owned by and registered to Massachusetts residents who are on active and fulltime military service as a member of the armed forces of the United States or the National Guard, army or air, of any state, deployed or stationed outside the territorial boundaries of the United States for a period of at least 45 days in the calendar year of exemption. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Fiscal year 2019 began on July 1, 2018 and runs to June 30, 2019. Adjustments have been made to the assessments to reflect the changing market. These adjustments are based on the market value of property as of January 1, 2018. Valuations were developed based on calendar year 2017 market sales, as well as expanded sales from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018, for classifications with a limited number of sales. Valuations were also developed from information in Marshall Swift Cost Publications, and on information extracted from income and expense reports received from local commercial and industrial property owners. The Bureau of Local Assessment of the Department of Revenue for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts provides detailed guidelines to assist assessors to plan and perform “revaluation” year and “interim” year adjustments to property values to achieve full and fair cash value assessments, in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 56 and Chapter 58, Sections 1, 1A, and 3.

The residential values are reviewed “in house” while the commercial, industrial, and personal property valuations are sub-contracted to experts in the field. To insure the information on file concerning sales from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018 is accurate, the Assistant Assessor has inspected all of the sales. After the inspections, she reviews the information and makes corrections to the data bases that influence assessment levels. To determine the proper assessment, the Assessment to Sales Price Ratios are studied to insure they are within acceptable Department of Revenue standards. The Department of Revenue requires our department to do a number of stratification studies of the appropriate sales prior to any changes and adjustments to land values, cost factors, and depreciation tables. The changes made after these studies will bring the assessment of the general population of residences in line with the sales. The “actual” tax bills that were

mailed on December 31, 2018 reflect these new assessments. The total valuation of the Town of Blackstone in Fiscal 2019 is 986,055,839. This reflects a positive 7.6% change.

The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors held a Classification Hearing on 12/04/2018 at 8:00 P.M. at the Blackstone Municipal Center. The meeting was advertised and opened to the public. The Assessors presented information on how a split tax rate would impact the Residential, Commercial, & Industrial properties and Personal Property. The Board of Selectmen voted on maintaining a single tax rate.

The Fiscal 2019 tax rate is \$18.91 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Abatement forms are accepted by the Board of Assessors up to 30 days from the billing date of the “actual” tax bill. Applications for abatement may be picked up at the Assessors’ Office during regularly scheduled office hours and they are also available on line.

Inspection of the property in the Town of Blackstone is an ongoing project. The goal of the Assessors’ Office is to inspect approximately ¼ of the properties in the Town of Blackstone every year, thus inspecting 100% of the Town every four years. The inspectors will knock on your door and request both an exterior and an interior inspection of your home. If it is not convenient for the resident at that time for an interior inspection, a later appointment may be made, at the resident’s convenience. If the resident is not at home, a door hanger is left with instructions on how to schedule an appointment.

These property inspections will insure current and accurate data in our files. The goal of the Assessors’ Office is to appraise every parcel of real estate in the community at its Market Value, resulting in an equitable ad valorem distribution of the tax burden. As a property owner in the town, your cooperation with these ongoing inspections will allow the Assessors Department to do our job with fairness and equity to all concerned.

Assessors’ property record card information has been available on line for the past twelve years and this is the eleventh year that the Assessors’ office has made the Assessors’ Map Data available on line. Assessors’ Maps and Property Assessment Data Information is available on the Town of Blackstone Website by clicking on the links located on the Assessors’ page. The information currently available on line is updated annually. If you need more current information, you are invited to come into the Assessors’ Office.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents of Blackstone for their co-operation during the inspection process. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or concerns about your property assessment.

Respectfully submitted, Blackstone Board of Assessors

Franscena Schandelmayer-Davis, Chairman

Robert A. Gilbert, Vice-Chairman

Jeremiah Carey, Member

Patricia Salamone, Assistant-Assessor

Kasey Bik, Administrative Assistant to the Assessors’ Office

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2018 REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

For the year ending December 31, 2018 there were 331 building permits issued:

New Single Family Homes	23	
Additions/Garages	11	
Roofs	53	
Sheds	05	
Porches/Decks	13	
Replacement Windows/Doors	41	
Vinyl Siding	15	
Pools/ Spas	13	
Demolition	03	
Foundation/Footings	22	
Repairs/Renovations	22	
Remodel	31	
Pellet and Wood Stoves	07	
Insulation	23	
Awnings/Signs	05	
Solar Panels	20	
Sheet Metal/Mechanical	23	
Cell Tower	01	
Total Estimated Cost of Construction		\$7,611,791.03

=====

Totals Fees Collected Inspectional Services, Board of Health and Recycling Center:

Building Department		\$ 109,676.00
Fines/Litigation Settlements/Abandon Property Registration Fees		\$ 17,156.00
Plumbing/Gas Department		\$ 16,237.00
Electrical Department		\$ 22,191.00
Recycling Center	\$168,625.00	
Less: Product Percentage Payments	(<u>1,575.00</u>)	\$ 167,050.00
Board of Health		<u>\$ 32,285.00</u>

Total Fees Collected Inspectional Services Department	\$ 364,595.00
---	---------------

=====

Liens on Property Outstanding	\$ 46,457.89
-------------------------------	--------------

In addition, to date we have assisted the Collector/Treasurer's Office through our Town By-Law with the collection of real estate taxes, betterments, water and sewer fees and personal property taxes totaling \$59,999.00.

I would like to thank Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer, Craig Casavant, Electrical Inspector, David Dionne, Assistant Electrical Inspector, James Paige, Assistant Plumbing Inspector and all other municipal employees, boards and officials for their assistance throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J. Speroni
Building Commissioner

INSPECTIONAL SERVICES
2018 REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

I hereby submit my Annual Report for the year 2018 as Electrical Inspector for the Town of Blackstone. We logged 243 electrical inspection and we issued 172 electrical permits, as follows:

New Single Family Homes	23
Additions/Garages	07
Service Entrance/Panel	20
Water Heaters/Oil Burners, Furnaces	16
Fire/Security Alarm	07
Swimming Pools/Spas/Hot Tubs	16
Vinyl Siding	16
Generators/AC	07
Meters	04
Misc. Wiring/Renovations	21
Fixtures/Outlets	15
Solar Panels	20

All electrical work in commercial and other than single family homes shall be wired by a licensed electrician.

I want to thank all departments for their help throughout the year, especially Colleen M. Strapponi, Secretary, Earl J. Vater, Municipal Inspector, William T. Walsh, Code Enforcement Officer, David Dionne, Assistant Electrical Inspector and James Paige, Assistant Plumbing/Gas Inspector.

Totals Fees Collected for the Electrical Department	\$22,191.00
	=====

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Casavant
Electrical Inspector

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR/TREASURER

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Blackstone:

FY2018

Real Estate billed = \$16,191,812.72 – Collected \$15,118,670.69

Collection Rate = 93.37%

Personal Property billed = \$2,496,576.31 – Collected \$2,447,670.69

Collection Rate = 98.04%

Motor Vehicle Excise = \$1,177,173.15 – Collected \$1,065,788.37

Collection Rate = 90.53%

Water Sewer Bills = \$1,963,546.08 – Collected \$1,956,884.68

Collection Rate = 99.66%

Total billed \$21,829,108.26 – Total Collected \$20,589,014.43

Total Collection Rate = 94.31%

Bond Rating continues to be AA+

OUTSTANDING – THANKS TO YOU WE HAVE A GREAT COLLECTION RATE AND BOND RATING

Property ownership comes with the responsibility of paying property taxes.

The Collector/Treasurers office is responsible to collect these taxes and protect the towns interests. Thank you to our Assistant Collector, Jillian Taylor, for her exceptional dedication to her job and to the town residents.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

Treasurer's cash balances as of June 30, 2018

NON INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$975.00
INTEREST BEARING ACCOUNTS	\$7,815,758.55
STABILIZATION	\$3,240.097.41
CAPITAL INVESTMENTS	\$4,105,794.33
TRUST FUNDS	\$2,794,469.51
TOTAL: Cash and Investments	\$17,957.094.84

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
MUNICIPAL CENTER
SALARY LISTING
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

SELECTMEN

CATALANO, MICHEAL	SELECTMEN	\$	1,500.00
KEEFE, DANIEL	SELECTMEN, CHAIR	\$	1,500.00
RIVET, GERLARD	SELECTMEN	\$	1,800.00
DUBOIS ROBERT	SELECTMEN	\$	1,500.00
BIK, MARGARET	SELECTMEN VICE CHAIRMAN	\$	1,500.00

ADMINISTRATION

KEYES, DANIEL M	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$	130,305.00
NADEAU LEMOINE SANDRA	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	\$	49,646.66
KYLE LEMOINE	SELECTMEN ADM. CLERK	\$	6,777.89
BOUCHER, BARBARA	RECEPTIONIST	\$	1,620.00

DPW

SULLIVAN JAMES	DPW DIRECTOR	\$	90,798.90
ROBIDOUX, ADAM	SKILLED LABORER	\$	53,295.58
STAPLES, JOSHUA	SKILLED LABORER	\$	46,957.79
FANEUF, RANDALL	SKILLED LABORER	\$	47,580.22
MARCHAND THOMAS	LIGHT EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	\$	68,459.22
PATERSON DONALD	MECHANIC	\$	64,762.92
PATERSON, KELLY	DPW SECRETARY/WTR/SWR	\$	39,402.86
SULLIVAN JR. JAMES	FOREMAN HIGHWAY	\$	52,343.71
VALASTRO, PAUL-MICHAEL	TRUCK DRIVER	\$	46,876.44
VARIEUR, ROBERT	LEADMAN	\$	89,707.17
WILDES ARTHUR	TRUCK DRIVER	\$	45,906.02

PARKS & RECREATION

BISSONNETTE, DEBRA	PARK RECORDING SECRETARY	\$	550.80
MATHEWS, MITCHELL	PARKS HELPER	\$	8,167.50
ST. AMANT, ZACHARY	PARKS HELPER	\$	2,748.00

FINANCE

ZAHORSHY, LAUREN	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$	56,960.24
MACKENZIE, SHANNON	TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$	13,157.46
DUBOIS, PATRICIA	ASST, TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$	17,991.91
SULLIVAN, TARA	ASST. TOWN ACCOUNTANT	\$	1,266.50
MULLER, CATHERINE	COLLECTOR TREASURER	\$	47,933.95
TAYLOR, JILLIAN	ASST TREASURER /WTR /SWR	\$	28,653.78
BIK, KASEY	ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - ASSESSOR	\$	32,377.56
SALAMONE, PATRICIA	ASSISTANT ASSESSOR	\$	64,167.25

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
MUNICIPAL CENTER
SALARY LISTING
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

ATSTUPENAS ROSS	POLICE CHIEF	\$	117,625.80
GILMORE GREGORY	LIEUTENANT	\$	85,654.73
BLANCHETTE DAVID	POLICE OFFICER	\$	86,171.58
BRODEUR, SHAWN M.	POLICE OFFICER	\$	91,792.48
DAIGLE, PATRICK	POLICE OFFICER	\$	74,240.52
GIARDINO DANIEL	POLICE OFFICER	\$	93,281.23
HAYNES GREGGORY	POLICE OFFICER	\$	78,499.86
HURWITZ, MAXWELL	POLICE OFFICER	\$	132,771.50
JOHNSON, CHRISTOPHER	POLICE OFFICER	\$	64,250.89
LAUDON, DAVID	POLICE OFFICER	\$	80,078.47
LOETHER, TRAVIS	POLICE OFFICER	\$	80,893.56
LUIS, KEVIN	POLICE OFFICER	\$	109,470.69
LUNGARINI, ANTHONY	POLICE OFFICER	\$	85,927.54
MANTONI MATTHEW	POLICE OFFICER	\$	117,484.43
NIEMCZYK JOSEPH	POLICE OFFICER	\$	82,367.31
METZ, CRAIG	POLICE OFFICER	\$	75,319.08
PAVONE, MICHAEL	POLICE OFFICER	\$	67,264.01
TAPPAN, GREGORY	POLICE OFFICER	\$	65,934.19
CABRAL, SANDRA	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	59,768.78
DUGAS ALBERT	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	62,299.51
MASTRIANNA, JAKE	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	58,552.20
WEBER, BETTINA	POLICE DISPATCHER	\$	56,030.53
SULLIVAN, KEVIN	ANIMAL CONTROL	\$	19,561.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT

SWEENEY MICHAEL	FIRE CHIEF	\$	91,572.00
MARCOUX MICHAEL	FIREFIGHTER EMT	\$	79,355.50
SEVIGNY JOEY	FIREFIGHTER EMT	\$	106,300.79
FRADE, PAUL	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	87,632.73
JOHNSON, RAMSEY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	2,327.40
COTNOIR KENNETH	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	120,700.72
DAIGLE, CHRISTINE	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	66,730.54
IANNETTI, ANTHONY	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	101,768.46
ROY, KEVIN	FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC	\$	79,536.16
BEAULIEU, GREGORY	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	70.00
BLAKE, SAMUEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	90,844.11
CALBO, GREGORY	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	43,248.15
DUNAYESKI, THOMAS II	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	714.00
CAMPBELL, MICHAEL S	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	322.00

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
MUNICIPAL CENTER
SALARY LISTING
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

FIRE DEPARTMENT CONT

RAINVILLE DANIEL	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	943.00
RAINVILLE EDWARD	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	917.00
RAINVILLE LUCIEN	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	1,177.00
SWEENEY, MICHAEL T.	CALL FIREFIGHTER	\$	709.00

LIBRARY

CHEEVER, LISA	LIBRARY DIRECTOR	\$	62,388.53
COLLIER, TRESSY	ASST. DIRECTOR / CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN	\$	36,986.04
ANSELL DONNA	HEAD CIRCULATION / TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$	35,861.28
BINETTE, DENISE	LIBRARY AID	\$	3,016.47
FOSTER, DONNA	LIBRARY AID	\$	7,874.36
GOUDREAU, ELLEN	LIBRARY AID	\$	11,289.26
HERBERT, OLIVIA	LIBRARY AID	\$	9,173.43
MARINO-PAGE, CHERYL	LIBRARY AID	\$	2,571.33
MARVELLE, SR., ROGER	LIBRARY CUSTODIAN	\$	2,216.28

TOWN CLERK

DOLINSKI, CLAUETTE	TOWN CLERK	\$	55,885.50
BIK DONNA	ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK	\$	40,360.10
PICARD, JULIE	TOWN CLERK OFFICE ASSISTANT	\$	28,194.94
GREENWALD MARC	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$	250.00
DOYLE, DANIEL	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$	250.00
MERCIER SUZANNE	BOARD OF REGISTRARS	\$	100.00

COUNCIL ON AGING

KEEFE, LAURIE	COA DIRECTOR	\$	47,775.00
MEDERIOS, ERIN	OUTREACH WORKER	\$	33,300.72
LECLAIR, GAIL	MEAL SITE WORKER	\$	33,595.17

**TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
MUNICIPAL CENTER
SALARY LISTING
FISCAL YEAR 2018**

COUNCIL ON AGING CONT

CARDINAL, THERESE	VAN DRIVER	\$	4,916.68
ALTEMUS, BLAIR	VAN DRIVER	\$	8,162.44
CARRIGAN, PAULETTE	VAN DRIVER	\$	5,884.87
GAGNON, ROGER	VAN DRIVER	\$	8,616.19
PIMENTA, DENNIS	TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR	\$	24,349.20

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

STRAPPONI COLLEEN	BLDG / HEALTH SECRETARY	\$	43,009.82
ROCHE, JOSEPH	PLANNING BOARD /ZONING BD/CAP.OUTLAY/ W/S COMI	\$	1,600.63
WALSH WILLIAM	PLUMB /GAS INSPECTOR/RECYCLE CTR COORD	\$	73,600.55
SCHOFIELD, MARY	RECYCLING CENTER ATTENDANT	\$	9,855.39
RYAN, KEVIN J	RECYCLING LABORER	\$	46,086.88
RYAN, PETER	BOARD OF HEALTH	\$	1,320.00
MOORE, MARCUS	VETERANS AGENT	\$	3,678.00
VILLEMAIRE, MICHELLE E	PARADE COMMITTEE SECRETARY	\$	1,251.54
		\$	4,479,744.88

Blackstone 2018 Annual Town Report

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (COA) is a department of the Town of Blackstone. It is permitted under Ch.40, s.8B, of the Massachusetts General Laws. In Blackstone, the COA is the only public social service agency. The COA has a five member advisory board appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The COA board meets in the Town Hall at 15 St. Paul Street on the first Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. The COA board helps set goals, objectives and offers complementary support/advocacy to help implement and promote the COA's mission. The responsibilities of the COA board members are to identify the needs of Blackstone's elders, to develop programs and services to meet those needs. In addition, the COA board promotes and helps educate the community on elder issues and to advocate on behalf of elders.

There are approximately 2,108 elders (60 years and older) in our community. This number represents a 17% increase since 2015. These numbers will only continue to grow. We are in the seventh year of the aging boom-that is, baby boomers turning 65-at the rate of 10,000 per day across the nation. At the same time, the senior population is living longer, 80.7 years in Massachusetts. It is the mission of the Council on Aging to evaluate, promote and encourage new and existing activities and services to allow the elders to remain independent at home for as long as possible.

The Director is responsible for all program operations, COA Budget, Senior Center Staff and Volunteer Services. In 2017 the Director received Massachusetts Behavioral Health Certification through Boston University's Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research (CADER), and in 2018 received both Residential Housing and Community Development and Ethics and Legal Principals Certification through BU CADER as well. The Director administers the Senior-Veteran Tax work off program and serves as a liaison between the Board of Health, police, fire and EMT's and the senior center.

The Senior Center is the visible point of access and outreach for older people in our community. The Senior Center provides a tangible reminder that the public system cares and that services are available when the elder needs them. The Senior Center is a place seniors can go to remedy problems of isolation, to renew old acquaintances or make new ones and to become involved in the community. As needs have changed, we have kept up by adding new programs and finding innovative solutions to sometimes complex issues. We maintain a commitment to the promotion of good health, safety and well -being of the elders in our community. The Council on aging has been successful in connecting elders and their families with vital community based resources. At a time when most information and referral services have become automated, the council on aging has remained committed to providing face to face assistance.

STAFF

The staff consists of a full time Director, (Laurie Keefe), Outreach Coordinator, (Erin Medeiros), Nutrition/Activity Site Manager, (Gail LeClair), and part-time Transportation Coordinator, (Dennis Pimenta) and six per diem van drivers funded by the Town of Blackstone and through state and federal programs.

Blackstone 2018 Annual Town Report Council on Aging

SUPPORT SERVICES / OUTREACH COORDINATOR

The over 60 population in Blackstone has reached more than 2100. This means that the Outreach Program is more important than ever. An effective Outreach Program must be flexible enough to connect seniors with the services they need and to acquaint them with the variety of attractive programming offered at the Senior Center. Outreach is helping the community's older citizens remain safely in their homes by advocating for the kinds of services that will enhance their dignity, supporting their independence and promoting their general health and well-being. It is also a goal of the Outreach Program to acquaint all the seniors in the community with the kind of information that can broaden their knowledge of elder issues and assist them in making informed decisions about the critical areas of their personal lives. Some of these services include Mass Health, health connector, limited income subsidy, prescription advantage, health insurance coverage, part D coverage, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance (212 applications completed in the 2017-18 heating season). The senior center has a certified SHINE (Serving the Health Information Needs of Everyone) counselor through the state of Massachusetts. The Blackstone Council on Aging was chosen as one of 14 COA's in Massachusetts to serve as a SNAP Outreach Partner. This allows us to have a Virtual Gateway to the Department of Transitional Assistance to assist residents in completing the SNAP applications and re-certifications. (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). We are able to complete the applications at the Senior Center and follow up with the Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) during the process. This will streamline the process for the community. The Director and Outreach Coordinator have been trained by the DTA. We also link the seniors with other agencies who provide assistance. The outreach coordinator works closely with Tri-Valley, Inc. to coordinate services for home maker/personal care, caregiver programs, Meals on wheels, financial management and elder at risk referrals. Home visits are made and needs assessments are formulated as staff work to help the elder remain in their own homes. The outreach program also extends to the disabled and low income population of Blackstone, bringing our outreach needs to more than 1/3 of our community. Outreach also participates in ongoing continued education through classes, certifications and conferences.

TRANSPORTATION

The Blackstone Van Transportation Service provides trips for medical and non-medical appointments according to a scheduled dial-a-ride, first come/first serve, curb-to-curb program. The current service operates from 8:00am to 3:30pm Monday through Friday.

This program is provided to Blackstone elders 60 years and older with no other means of transportation and to certified disabled residents. In many cases this is the only means of

Blackstone 2018 Annual Town Report

Council on Aging

transportation for the home-bound residents in our community to go to the doctor, pharmacy, grocery store, hairdresser, library, and be able to attend activities at the Senior Center. Other transportation services are provided for residents to go to the polls to vote, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics, nursing homes, and town meetings. In the last 5 years, the Blackstone Council on Aging Transportation Service has provided more than 35,000 rides to residents of our community.

Mass DOT has mandated that all drivers under the Mobility Assistance Program (MAP) receive proper training; therefore, training courses are required. Our drivers are certified in the following required training courses: coaching the van driver/defensive driving, wheelchair lift & securement and safe transportation of the public under the ADA or passenger sensitivity training. All employees are also CPR certified through the training of Fire Chief Michael Sweeney.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

In addition to paid per diem drivers, the COA has five volunteer drivers. These volunteer drivers use the town car or their personal car to drive elders to their long distance medical appointments. The recorded statistics show that in just under 3 years, the five volunteer drivers have donated over 800 working hours of their personal time to provide superior transportation services. This has saved the town of over \$10,000.

VEHICLES

The Town currently has five vehicles for the COA. One is a 2012 Ford Eldorado 14 passenger wheelchair lift bus generously donated by International Power to the Friends of the Blackstone Council on Aging, Inc.; the second is a 4 passenger 2011 Ford Escape purchased in June 2011 by the Town, 2009 Ford 12 Passenger wheelchair lift van purchased in 2010 through the Mass DOT Grant, 2015 Ford Starttrans, 2 wheelchair, 12 passenger, wheelchair lift bus, delivered in March of 2016, and a 2017 Dodge Wheelchair Mini Van delivered in May of 2018.

NUTRITION PROGRAM

The Nutrition Site Manager is responsible for the daily oversight and operation of the Senior Center Dining. A hot lunch is served 4 days a week. The Manager works in conjunction with outside food providers such as Tri-Valley Elder Services to coordinate the lunch service. The Nutrition site Manager is also responsible for the Meals on Wheels Program Servicing Blackstone and Millville residents 5 days a week. This would include the coordination of volunteer drivers, route schedules and delivery of meals. Currently our volunteers deliver on average 125 meals a week. In addition to nutrition, the site manager also is responsible for developing weekly programs as well as recreational and social events and trips that will attract elders, their caregivers, neighbors and friends to the Senior Center. The Senior Center encourages volunteers to assist the site manager with ideas or programs they would like to see implemented. Other daily tasks assigned to the Site Manager would be the maintenance of accurate data base recording and back up for Transportation Coordinator.

Blackstone 2018 Annual Town Report Council on Aging

NEWSLETTER “A River Runs Through It”

200 copies printed monthly at the BMR High School print lab. A copy of the newsletter is also available on-line at: www.townofblackstone.org. The Newsletter is funded in part by the EOEA.

RECREATION/SOCIAL EVENTS

Our seniors participated in a variety of programs such as: bingo, cards, knit & crochet, water color painting, tai chi, chair yoga, Adult coloring, arthritis exercise, strength training, arts & crafts, birthday parties, cookouts, annual volunteer recognition luncheon, Healthy Eating luncheon, Farmers market coupons, dinners, shopping trips, Blackstone River Greenway Golf cart ride, Boston boat cruise, super bowl party, Newport Playhouse, LaSalette Shrine, meet the staff with a free ice cream Sundaes at Fox Brook and Early Village, tribute to seniors picnic sponsored by Sheriff Lew Evangelidis, COA Christmas party, Yankee swap and more.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Our seniors participated in community education programs such as: Healthy Eating and Dental Health presentation by BVTHS, Senior Citizens legal advocacy through Community Legal Aid, Smart 911, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Fallon health updates, SHINE Medicare 101 presentation and more. We also host monthly blood pressure clinics in conjunction with the Board of Health, medication review and Flu Clinic. Tax aide assistance through AARP for the Circuit Breaker Tax Credit. *(In 2014, only 13.8% of adults age 65+ actually filed for this credit, of the over 600 thousand tax filers age 65 and above in Massachusetts.)* In Blackstone for the 2016 Tax year, 135 residents filed for a total credit claimed of \$115,394. An average of \$855 per resident. (Source: DOR statistics of income)

EMHOT

The Elder Mental Health Outreach Team, a community based elder mental health intervention program administered through the EOEA, collaborating with 6 Councils on Aging (Bellingham, Blackstone, Mendon, Medway, Milford and Franklin). The EMHOT comprised of an LICSW employs a home based model that includes therapy, case management, education and referral. The goal is to identify, access and provide treatment to elders in our community. The Blackstone Senior Center will continue to advocate for improved access to mental health services, the reduction of stigma, and availability of services in our area.

INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMS

The seniors participated in a concert with the middle and High School Woodwind Choir. The Senior/Veteran Tax work off Program allows for tax deduction in exchange for working hours at the JFK Elementary school, the library and the recycling center. Through the Blackstone Valley Technical School the seniors participated with the nursing programs health assessment day; the

Blackstone 2018 Annual Town Report

Council on Aging

culinary students held a cooking demonstration; and the dental students held a presentation at the center.

We have a lending library with books and current magazines and puzzles, which can be borrowed. Our “SMART” TV and new computer station have empowered our seniors to learn more about new technology, computers, smart phones and all their applications.

GRANT

The Council on Aging receives an annual grant award from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The grant is to be used for select items/options allowed per the contract such as: printing of the monthly newsletter, salaries, instructors, supplies and volunteer recognition luncheon.

VOLUNTEERS

Over 40 volunteers contributed over 4000 hours to the Senior Center this past year. Volunteers assist in the office, answer phones, assemble the monthly newsletter and teach various classes. They provide meals on wheels lunches, serve as board members, drive seniors to medical appointments, assist with grocery shopping, provide computer training, prepare monthly birthday cards, teach arts & crafts, assist in the kitchen, call bingo, coordinate trips, assist with health care options, knit baby blankets, assist with fundraising and participate in programs that help seniors, etc.

PRIORITY AREAS & SENIOR CENTER NEEDS

HOURS- An increase in the number of requests for medical transportation, OFF hours. Extended hours will inevitably be a necessity in our community. Many Individuals are required to undergo life sustaining medical treatments and often our hours do not accommodate them.

The increase in the number of requests for outreach appointments after working hours is on the rise. Many baby boomers are still working and active during the day and require their appointments after our 3:30 closing time.

ROOM & ACCESSIBILITY- Handicapped accessibility to the Town Hall is poor. With only one accessible entrance at the back of the building, people with walkers sometimes find the Town Hall a maze of hallways in looking for our offices. Senior Center has only one office for confidential meeting space and often has to use BOH office for meeting space. The library has been used for class size space as the Town Hall space is limited, so we have been limited to the number and size of classes we can have. Waitlist is often used for both classes and special luncheons. The Senior Center has NO storage areas at all. Aside from a small closet in the kitchen area. There is no place to store any of the class equipment, craft supplies or lending equipment (wheelchairs and walkers)- therefore taking up much needed space in the only room we have for classes.

COVERED PARKING- is necessary for the Vans during the winter months and can sometimes be difficult for staff to get to as we currently use the pavilion at the back of the park.

Blackstone 2018 Annual Town Report Council on Aging

These are just some of the many things we will be looking at in the near future, regarding the future of the Senior Center. It is important to remember that not all “old people” are the same. Older adults are a diverse group; one size does not fit all when it comes to describing and anticipating their needs and interests. Diversity in socioeconomic status, age, level of education, level of physical and cognitive functioning, living arrangements, ethnicity and life experience have a great impact on the kinds of services programs and activities they need. Communities must adapt and be accessible and inclusive.

As I reflect on the last year and anticipate the challenges ahead, I want to acknowledge the dedication and commitment from my staff, the people and organizations we collaborate with, our town officials, the COA Board and the residents of this community who all establish our direction and support us year after year.

The Council on Aging wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Finance Committee, Fire and Police, Board of Health, Assessors Office, Accountants Office, Town Clerk, Library, other Town officials and the Friends Group for their continued support and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Keefe, Director
Blackstone Council on Aging



SMOKE
DETECTORS
SAVE
LIVES

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE FIRE DEPARTMENT

15 SAINT PAUL STREET
BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS 01504
PHONE: (508) 883-1030 / FAX: (508) 883-7923

MICHAEL J. SWEENEY
CHIEF

2018 REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

I am pleased to present my annual report of the activities in the fire department for the 2018 calendar year.

The Blackstone Fire Department is a combination department with ten full time firefighter/paramedics, a full time fire chief and fourteen call firefighters. There are three fire stations located in town. The main station is at 15 Saint Paul Street which is staffed with full time firefighter/paramedics around the clock. Currently we have four shifts, two have three fire medics and two have two fire medics. We are in the third year of a four year plan to increase the staffing level to three on each shift. Each shift work a twenty-four hour rotating shift and average 42 hours per week. Station two is at 666 Rathbun Street and station three is at 132 Elm Street and both are unmanned stations. The department has four front line pumpers, a ladder truck, one off road military tanker for brush fires and two paramedic level ambulances. The full time members on duty handle all fire and emergency medical calls and all daily activities. They are complemented by the call department when needed. Please visit the fire departments web site for more information.

This year our annual toys for tots program joined forces with and was organized by Laurie Keefe of the Senior Center and was once again a huge success and we were able to meet the Christmas needs of a number of families. Going forward we will be working together with Laurie as well as our old partners from Dean and Uni Bank and our new partner Saint Paul Church. The Blackstone Fire Department would like to thank all the town businesses and residents who donated gifts and money to our worthy cause. Without your help this event would not take place. I would personally like to thank the staff at Dean Bank, Uni Bank and Saint Paul Church for setting up the giving trees in their establishments. I would especially like to thank the Tiberio family and Paul Sawyer for their generosity.

Fire prevention and education programs were taught in our schools once again due to the generosity of our town businesses. The Blackstone Fire Department applies for and has been awarded a S.A.F.E. grant every year (student awareness of fire education). We start our programs in the school system in March and focus on grades one through five. Firefighter/Paramedic Paul Frade is our lead instructor and does a great job. I would like to thank the townspeople and businesses for their continued support of these programs.

SMOKE DETECTORS SAVE LIVES

I would also like to encourage all of our residents to visit the Blackstone web page and visit the fire department site. There you will find a new link called Smart 911 which replaces our old Code Red emergency notification system. By registering with this system you can provide valuable information to our dispatchers in the event of a police, fire or ems emergency. You will also receive emergency notifications and general broadcast issued by the town.

The department took in \$6,020.00 for inspection fees for smoke detector, oil burner, blasting, propane and storage tanks.

The department applied for and has received the following grants and equipment totaling \$10,903.00 in 2018. Grant funds are extremely competitive and I feel fortunate to have received this money. It will go a long way to keep our programs going.

Fred Tiberio trust fund	\$2000.00
S.A.F.E. Grant	\$6,123.00
E.M.P.G. Grant	\$2,780.00

Ambulance receipts for calendar year 2018 were approximately \$325,000.00. This money is used to fund the ambulance budget, offset the general budget, the purchase of a new ambulance and for the purchase of any equipment that is needed for the ambulance.

The following is a break down of the ambulance calls in 2018

The ambulance transported to the following hospitals.

Total calls.....1099	Landmark Medical Center.....382
Transports.....840	Milford Regional.....404
No Service.....32	Fatima.....5
Refusals.....90	Rhode Island Trauma.....31
Fire Assist Calls.....7	Hasbro Children's.....8
Cancelled25	Providence Veterans.....1
Treat/No Transport.....2	Roger Williams.....1
Assistance.....810	Woman & Infants.....1
False Calls.....1	Miriam.....8

The following is a list of department activity for the year 2018

Rescue.....1099
Building Fire.....12
Appliance Fire.....3
Brush Fire.....2
Outside Fire.....9
Vehicle Fire.....0
Fire Alarms.....131
Investigations.....66
Accidents.....56
Gas Leaks.....13
Co Calls.....18

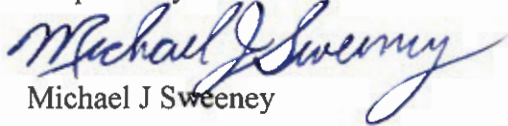
Rescue Assists.....	172
Mutual Aid Fire Received.....	0
Mutual Aid Fire to other communities.....	46
Mutual Aid Rescue Received.....	114
Mutual Aid Rescue Given.....	138
Service Calls.....	38
Drills.....	11
Meetings.....	32
Burning Permits.....	252
Smoke Detector, Oil Burner and Propane inspections.....	215

In 2019 the fire department will be asking the residents for one additional hire to bring our full time staffing to twelve members. This is the fourth year of a four year process to bring our staffing level to three members on a shift and it will create a much safer and more efficient work environment.

I will also be asking the residents to approve an article at the annual town meeting to do some needed renovations to the two fire sub stations. Station three on Elm Street and station two on Rathbun Street are in need of updating to the doors windows and heating and lighting systems.

The Fire Department would like to thank the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and townspeople for their support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael J Sweeney

2018 REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board re-organized and elected William T. Walsh as Chairman, Kevin J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman and Peter C. Ryan, Sr. as a member.

We continue to provide health care services, blood pressure clinics, flu clinics and other health related services for the seniors and handicapped residents of our community, with the assistance of Patricia Parent, RN. The Board of Health is thankful to Laurie Keefe and her staff for their assistance and commitment with monitoring the health and welfare of our community. The Board would like to thank all municipal departments and Blackstone residents who assist the Board of Health daily.

The Board of Health would like to thank James F. Malley, P.E. and Stephen Garabedian for their services to the Board of Health. We also thank Colleen M. Strapponi and Earl J. Vater for their ongoing assistance and dedication to serving the residents of Blackstone and the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Walsh, Chairman
Kevin J. Ryan, Vice-Chairman
Peter C. Ryan, Sr., Member

2018 Annual Report

Blackstone Historical Commission

2018 proved to be a tumultuous year for the Commission.

The loss of Lorraine Ryan, friend of the museum since its opening and wife of our member Dick Ryan was keenly felt. Lorraine had baked home-made pastries for every museum opening.

In March, the Commission's chairperson, Eunice Lydon resigned, and Julie Wingate was elected chairperson.

Richard Guilbeault was appointed to the Commission and former member Carolyn Powers was appointed as an alternate member.

In March, members hosted an event at which Eagle Scout candidate Colin Norcross-Joyce explained his project of a Veterans' Memorial to be located at the common on upper Main Street and offered a chance to buy memorial bricks in honor of local veterans.

At our June meeting, a moment of silence was observed in remembrance of Larry Weber. Larry had been a faithful member of the commission for many years, and he will be missed.

In May, the oldest resident in town was determined with assistance from the town clerk, and the Boston Post Cane was awarded. The 103-year-old lady was pleased to accept the honor and plaque but wishes to remain anonymous.

In September, Susan Demers was appointed a commission member.

Also, in September, a program was held featuring the East Blackstone Fair and the Grange organization which sponsored it. 35mm home movies were loaned to the Commission. Those movies were transferred to disk and a continuous showing was available for the day.

These can also be shown to museum visitors on the museum's lap top computer, upon request.

The Very Merry Dickens Christmas Carolers provided the entertainment for a festive holiday open house in December.

The Blackstone Historical Museum is open every Thursday from noon until 4PM and also on the first and third Saturdays of every month from noon until 4 PM. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Commission members:

Julie Wingate

Rick Guilbeault

Helen Murray

Susan Demers

Susan Tenerowicz

Carolyn Powers, alt.

Richard Ryan

Tom Marchand, alt.

Jesse Deacon

Mark Ryan, alt.

REPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Blackstone Housing Authority was created to provide housing for people of low income. Its powers, duties, etc. are defined in Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as amended, which is known as the Housing and Urban Renewal Law. The Authority's office is located at 15 Fox Brook Manor, Blackstone, MA. As of January 1, 2017 the Authority was organized as follows:

MEMBERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Robert Drainville 12 Raynor Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Chairman	April, 2019
Margaret T. Keegan 25 Kanatha Street Blackstone, MA 01504	Vice Chairwoman	April, 2021
Vacancy		

OFFICER


Patricia Daly, PHM 306 Snake Meadow Rd. Danielson CT 06239	Executive Director
--	--------------------

The Blackstone Housing Authority meets the first Monday of each month at 11:00 AM in the community room at Fox Brook Manor. The meetings are open to the public as prescribed by the Municipal Open Meeting Law, Chapter 372, of the Acts of 1972. Elderly or handicapped persons of low income who wish to submit an application for an apartment may do so Monday, Wednesday or Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the office at 15 Fox Brook Manor.

Patricia Daly is the Executive Director of the Blackstone Housing Authority and may be reached by calling 508-883-1515. If you do not call during office hours, your message will be recorded and answered as soon as possible.

Other personnel at the Authority include Peter Ryan, Maintenance and Dan Robillard, Fee Accountant.

Respectfully submitted by:


Patricia Daly, PHM
Executive Director

2018 Annual Town Report of the Blackstone Public Library

Honorable Selectmen:

On June 11, 2018, the Blackstone Library entered its fourteenth year in its present location at 86 Main Street. The library ended 2018 with the continued dedication to be an integral part of the community where people of all ages can meet in a friendly, accessible, and comfortable environment.

The Blackstone Public Library is fully compliant in the requirements for State Aid, and remains certified by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). Certified libraries are eligible to receive State Aid grant funds from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, and are also eligible to apply for other state grants, such as the Library Services & Technology Act grant.

The Blackstone Library has a collection of 66,139 items. As a member of The Massachusetts Library System (MLS), the library benefits from sharing among member libraries of all types. In addition, the Blackstone Library supports an annual membership to Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing, Inc. (C/W MARS). This online library consortium allows patrons access to thousands of material from libraries throughout Massachusetts.

The library welcomed Karen DelVecchio as the new part-time Young Adult Librarian at the start of 2018. Ms. DelVecchio has been a welcome addition to the staff and has brought many new and exciting programs to the library for young adults over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Cheever, Library Director

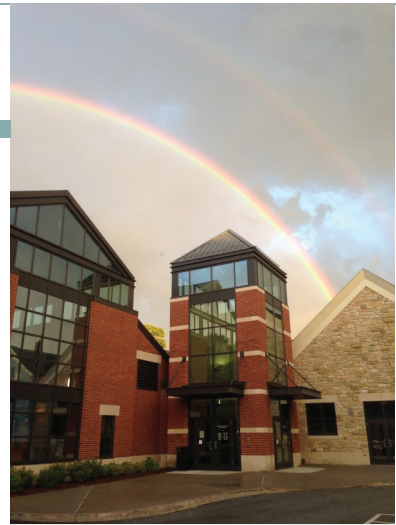


Photo by Dianne Buehler

Blackstone Public Library Board of Trustees

Jean Alexandrowicz
Mary Lou Branchaud
Kelly Gillis
Patricia Guzinski
Linda Hemphill
Debra Ristaino

Library Hours

Monday
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tuesday
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Thursday
12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Staff Members

Director: Lisa Cheever

**Assistant Director
& Children's Librarian:**
Tressy Collier

**Head of Circulation &
Technical Services:**
Donna Ansell

Young Adult Librarian:
Karen DelVecchio

**Historical Room Curator &
Shift Supervisor:**
Olivia Herbert

**Repair Lead & Shift
Supervisor:** Donna Foster

**Tech Room Assistant & Shift
Supervisor:** Ellen Goudreau

Shift Supervisor:
Amy Mezzadri

**Children's Room
Assistant:** Jean Piechocki

**Advertising & Shift
Supervisor:** Dianne Buehler

Library Aides:
Denise Binette, Robin Dias,
Teresa Duryea, Amanda Landry,
Cheryl Marino-Page

Substitute Library Aides:
Karen Miller
Ana Mendes

Custodian: Russell Marvelle



Thank you to the Friends of the
Blackstone Public Library for your
ongoing support and fundraising
efforts.

Ongoing activities for adults:
Book Group & Knitting Group

Ongoing activities for young adults:
Film Club and the Advisory Group

Ongoing activities for children:
Lego Club, Toddler Story-Time,
Story-Time & Craft, Read With a Therapy
Dog.



For more information please call (508) 883-1931
or visit the library's webpage at
<http://blackstonepubliclibrary.org>

Please visit us on Facebook and Twitter!

CIRCULATION

General

The library is open 1,820 hours per year.
(35 hours per week)
There are 5,964 registered borrowers to date.

Interlibrary loan in a twelve month period

Calendar Year 2018

ILLs received = 7,335
ILLs sent = 11,691

Circulations in a twelve month period

Calendar Year 2018

55,214

Overdrive Statistics 2018

eBooks borrowed 2,115
eAudio borrowed 1,567

Meeting Room Usage in 2018

Large Meeting Room	151
Quiet Study #1	321
Quiet Study #2	261
Historical Room	93
Total	826

Grant and donation funds are used to provide programming, materials, and staffing not covered by the operating budget.

Grants	
Dean Bank	\$ 250.00
District Attorney Joseph D. Early-Young Adult Origami	\$ 300.00
Library Service & Technology Act Grant (MBLC)	\$ 7,500.00
Local Cultural Council Grants	\$ 3,020.00
Museum of Science Scholarship	\$ 300.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,200.00
State Aid to Public Libraries	\$ 13,230.39
UniBank	\$ 2,500.00
Monetary Donations	
Cookie Walk Fundraiser	\$ 1,846.47
Friends of the Blackstone Public Library	\$ 1,703.00
Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle	\$ 200.00
Memorial Funds	\$ 295.00
Patron donations	\$ 225.00
Ribbons and Greens	\$ 38.00
Other Donations	
Bear Tree Christmas Farm	Greens
Betty's Donuts	Refreshments
Dunkin Donuts—Blackstone	Coffee
Mill Tavern Pizza	Refreshments
Park n Shop	Refreshments
Patron Donations	Craft supplies
TKO Pizza	Refreshments
The Tole Booth	Gift Basket



Grant and donation funds are used to provide programming, materials, and staffing not covered by the operating budget.

Grants	
Dean Bank	\$ 250.00
District Attorney Joseph D. Early-Young Adult Origami	\$ 300.00
Library Service & Technology Act Grant (MBLC)	\$ 7,500.00
Local Cultural Council Grants	\$ 3,020.00
Museum of Science Scholarship	\$ 300.00
Small Libraries in Network Grant	\$ 2,200.00
State Aid to Public Libraries	\$ 13,230.39
UniBank	\$ 2,500.00
Monetary Donations	
Cookie Walk Fundraiser	\$ 1,846.47
Friends of the Blackstone Public Library	\$ 1,703.00
Law Office of Daniel T. Doyle	\$ 200.00
Memorial Funds	\$ 295.00
Patron donations	\$ 225.00
Ribbons and Greens	\$ 38.00
Other Donations	
Bear Tree Christmas Farm	Greens
Betty's Donuts	Refreshments
Dunkin Donuts—Blackstone	Coffee
Mill Tavern Pizza	Refreshments
Park n Shop	Refreshments
Patron Donations	Craft supplies
TKO Pizza	Refreshments
The Tole Booth	Gift Basket



ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Access the fantastic resources below 24 hours a day without ever leaving home by clicking on the library's webpage.

- ◆ A to Z World Culture & World Travel
- ◆ A to Z the USA - State information
- ◆ A to Z Maps Online - free map access
- ◆ Acorn TV
- ◆ ArtistWorks - learn to play an instrument
- ◆ Atomic Training - software training
- ◆ Boston Library eCard
- ◆ Chilton Library - automobile repair
- ◆ ComicsPlus
- ◆ Consumer Health Complete
- ◆ Cypress Resume
- ◆ eBooks , eAudio, & eVideo
- ◆ Gale Interactive Science
- ◆ Gale Small Business Builder
- ◆ Hoopla
- ◆ IndieFlix - free movie streaming
- ◆ Legal Forms Library
- ◆ Mango Languages
- ◆ MA Statewide databases
- ◆ Miss Humblebee's Academy - preschool
- ◆ OneClickdigital eAudio & eBooks
- ◆ Price It! - Antiques
- ◆ Qello Concerts
- ◆ Testing & Education Reference Center
- ◆ Tix Keeper Museum Passes
- ◆ Universal Class - free online classes
- ◆ Zinio magazines

PROGRAMMING

The library continues to offer quality programming for children, teens, and adults. In 2018, the library offered 206 children's programs with 2,051 in attendance. The library also offered 46 young adult programs with 430 in attendance, as well as 46 programs for adults with 729 in attendance.



A summer reading program was held with performers and activities. Eighty-five children completed the 2018 summer reading program. Popular children's programs included *Touch the Trucks*, *Pete the Cat Party*, *Museum of Science Planetarium*, *Glow in the Dark Dance Party*, and *Unicorn Snot Craft*.

The library held its fourth annual Young Adult Summer Reading program. Twenty-four young adults completed the summer reading program and participated in fun, educational, and cultural events. Some popular events included *Comic Book Creation*, *Escape the Room*, and *Fat Boys and Little Men*.

The library offered its third annual Adult Summer reading program. In 2018 Twenty-five adults completed this program. Some adult programs included the *Chocolate Party*, *Bryson Lang*, and *Jumpin' Juba*.

OUTREACH

The library continues to offers outreach in several forms:

- Homebound delivery
- Story-times on location
- Mobile book clubs
- Application to the Talking Books Library in Worcester
- School visits
- Library tours for schools and community groups



**There is
“A Lot To Love”
at Blackstone
Public Library!**

**Introducing the
Library of Things
(LOT) Collection**



Atari Flashback Game Console
Card Games
Digital Laser Thermometer
Gamer V Portable Gaming Systems
Graphing Calculator
Interlocking Building Blocks
Laptops
Lawn Games
Metal Detector
Micro Controller Plug & Play Game
Nature Walk Kits
Table Balance Scale
Ukulele
Walking Dumbbells
Wii Balance Board

Board Games
Dice Games
Disco Party Lights
Ghost Hunting Kit
Karaoke System
Electronic Keyboard
Launchpads
LP Records
Microscope
Mini Projector
Orion Telescope
Toddler Musical Instruments
Voice Recorder
Walking Poles
And More!

Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission

2018 Annual Town Report

The Blackstone Parks and Recreation Commission is pleased to report activities organized and coordinated in 2018.

- Tags and Trout at Valati Park jointly sponsored with The Lions and PACC.
- Easter Egg hunt
- We saw extensive usage of our basketball court located at the A.F. Maloney elementary school complex. Lighting installed allowed for a new Summer Basketball League.
- Two family game board nights were held during school vacations.
- Our Water Balloon Wars event at the A.F. Maloney soccer field included a water slide, dunk chairs, jumbo bubble wands, and of course water balloons.
- We held our third Fall Fest at Roosevelt Park. Unfortunately, the weather was cool with rain but attendees had a lot of fun with games and pumpkin decorating. 2019 will be even better.
- In conjunction with the Blackstone Fire Department we:
 - Completed improvements to the Elm Street Fire Station playground. This included a basketball half court, playground equipment, and outdoor seating table.
 - Held a Hometown Christmas Celebration. In addition to the annual Santa and Mrs. Santa firetruck ride down Main Street, local businesses and organizations provided treats and activities within the fire station. We also had Santa photos and cookie decorating. The high school band played Christmas Carols in advance of a tree lighting in front of the Municipal Center followed by a bonfire.
 - Special thanks to all the participating local businesses and organizations, the Fire Department personnel and the members of the Parks & Rec Workshop!
- Another new holiday activity was “Selfie Elfie”. Ms. Elfie traveled throughout town during the month of December. Photos taken by individuals and families were posted by participants within the Parks and Recs Facebook page; <https://www.facebook.com/Blackstone-Parks-and-Recreation>
- Athletic Fields:
 - All fields were professionally maintained by Adam Robidoux with direction from committee member Bob Morse.
 - Field and facility sports usage continues to be very active with youth baseball, softball, basketball and soccer as well as adult softball leagues.
 - Our maintenance truck failed inspection. We appreciate the approval by the Townspeople to purchase a new truck.

Our meeting schedule is posted at the Town Hall and are generally held the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 PM in the Senior Center in the rear of the Municipal Center. Visit us on <https://www.townofblackstone.org/parks-recreation>

Respectfully submitted by:
Celeste Langlois, Chairperson
Bob Morse, Vice Chairperson
Don Cox, Treasurer
Bob Gilbert
Brian Scanlan
Deb Bissonette, Scribe

2018 REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Members:

In 2018, the Chairman of the Planning Board was Paul Marvelle. He was ably assisted by Kirk Van Dyke who served as Vice Chairman. Other members included Joseph Belrose, Owen Bebeau, Tony Catalano, and Robert Ring.

Tara Sullivan served as the Board's Planning Coordinator for the majority of the year with Elizabeth Diefenbach assuming her role for approximately one month. Kyle Lemoine then took over as the Coordinator towards the end of the year.

Gino Carlucci from PGC Associates of Franklin, Massachusetts, continues to serve as the Town's and Planning Board planning consultant. Mr. Carlucci's assistance is funded through the Planning Board's Professional and Technical budget.

Meetings:

The Planning Board generally meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center. All meetings are recorded and accessible on the Blackstone Cable Access Channel and available through the Government Access on Demand web page on the Town website. Copies of accepted minutes and agendas from said meetings are also posted on the Town website.

Memberships: The Town of Blackstone is a member of the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and is represented by Joseph Belrose. Mr. Belrose also serves as a member on the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals. Tony Catalano and Owen Bebeau also serve on the Town's Capital Outlay Committee.

Projects:

Accomplishments of the Blackstone Planning Board in 2018 are as follows:

- Aided in reviewing and evaluating the updated Master Plan for the Town
- Approved the Town's first solar photovoltaic commercial facilities on 142 Blackstone Street and 83 Federal Street
- Endorsed several Approval Not Required Plans
- Sanctioned numerous special permits, all while maintaining the Town's integrity
- Continued to monitor progress of stormwater drainage issues at the Sycamore Estates subdivision

Respectfully submitted,

Blackstone Planning Board



BLACKSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT

15 Saint Paul St. Blackstone, Massachusetts 01504

Business Line: (508) 883-1212 | Fax: (508) 883-2318 | chief@BlackstonePolice.org

Ross A. Atstupenas, Chief of Police

Blackstone Police Department 2018 Annual Report

As your Chief of Police, I hereby submit the Blackstone Police Department annual report for the year ending December 31, 2018.

During 2018, the Blackstone Police Department applied for and received the following grants. The funding from these grants enables us to provide better services for the town and the residents of Blackstone. These grants included:

1.	State 911 Support Grant	\$31,723.00
2.	State 911 Training Grant	\$10,000.00
3.	Narcan Reimbursement Program	VARIES

As I mentioned in last year's report, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts state 911 system chose us as one of five other Police Departments in the Commonwealth to test and install their new enhanced Nexgen 911 system. The new system now integrates new technology by using google mapping, which highlights the house were the call was placed along with identifying the house number and also texting 911 if unable to speak. Always be aware that using a cell phone will not always provide where you are calling from, so make sure you provide that information to the dispatcher when you call.

The State 911 Support Grant assists our department with the purchase of various types of equipment which supports the 911 system. The State 911 Training Grant provides funding for training of full-time dispatchers.

The Narcan Reimbursement Program provides reimbursement money for the purchase of Nasal Naloxone (Narcan) for the officers to use while responding to call for opiate overdoses.

The police department town website continues to provide the public with valuable information about the department and includes links to such things as crash reports, sex offender lists, child safety and internet safety pages. You can email or text anonymous tips to our

department in an effort to help us solve crimes in your area or make us aware of issues happening in your area.

Our Facebook and Twitter accounts also have helped us not only notify the community about important matters, update residents on emergency road closer, but have also helped us solve some serious crimes. We encourage this continued assistance from the community.

I have provided you with a breakdown of our activity from calls received at dispatch to our enforcement and traffic activities:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	
Total Calls Received by Dispatch:	17176	24033	+39.92%
Arrests:	149	129	-13.42%
Protective Custody	11	05	-54.55%
Criminal Complaint Applications:	145	128	-11.72%
Note: These are subjects that were not arrested but criminal complaints were filed against them in adult or juvenile court.			
Emergency Restraining Orders Issued:	53	40	-24.53%
Domestic Violence Calls:	67	64	-4.48%
Incident Reports Investigated:	528	516	-2.27%
<u>Breakdown:</u>	120	132	open
	126	118	closed
	10	06	arrested
	267	255	no crime
Stolen/Recovered Motor Vehicles:	04	13	+225.00%
	02	12	stolen
	02	1	recovered
Field Interviews:	73	114	+56.16%
Missing/Runaways:	0	1	+100%
Accidents Investigated:	157	155	-1.27%
(See attached at end of Report)			
Total Motor Vehicle/Traffic Citations Issued:	1377	1344	-2.40%
- Civil	185	117	-23.24%
- Complaint App	92	81	-20.00%
- Warnings	163	181	-23.11%
- Arrests	38	25	-34.21%
- Verbal Warnings	898	939	+4.57%

Note: Motor Vehicle stops are down 637 or -32.09% from 2015.

Parking Tickets Issued:	108	125	+15.74%
Pistol Permits Issued/Renewed:	190	217	+14.21%
- License to Carry	186	209	+12.37%
- FID Card	4	8	+100.00%
Civil Possession of Marijuana	0	0	00.00%

We have been working now for two years with four full-time dispatchers and it has worked out very well, along with bringing the overtime cost down. With the ever-changing climate and updates to the state 911 system and police software interface, it is easier to keep the four-full-time personal trained and updated with these changes. I want to thank them all for working with me to make this transition smoothly.

Two years ago, we started to implement the SRO (School Resource Officer) into our school system's. It was a new change in the school, but it has turned out to be a great resource and success. Officer David Laudon has been assigned to be the SRO in the school system.

If anyone needs to get in touch with Off. Laudon relating to issues at the schools, he can be contact by email at dlaudon@blackstonepolice.org or call the station. If it is an emergency, please let the dispatcher know so it can be addressed right away.

Officer Niemczyk is in charge of child safety car seat installation, and provide those who are in need of child car seats with them, subject to their availability. You may contact Off. Niemczyk by calling the station or emailing him at jniemczyk@blackstonepolice.org. This service is provided during the day when he is working.

An ongoing fundraiser that we introduced last year was the Pink Patch Program. With the pink patch designed by Sgt. Kevin Luis, the Blackstone Police Department joined the Pink Patch Project in their effort to support breast cancer research by selling these patches during the month of October to raise money for the Dana-Farber Breast Cancer Institute. This was the second year participating in the Pink Project, and are proud to say that it has been a success and the monies are donated to Dana-Farber Institute to help fight breast cancer. I want to thank Sgt. Kevin Luis who has been instrumental in developing the patch and running the fundraiser.


I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people that help make the Blackstone Police Department one the Town of Blackstone can be very proud of. The professionalism that the officers and dispatchers exhibit each and every day is something I am very proud of. Without their dedication, commitment, and hard work this department would not function as well as it does. I would also like to offer my gratitude and appreciation to the Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and all the department heads, with whom I work with on a daily basis. I appreciate their input and look forward to another successful year.

Lastly, I would like to thank the citizens of Blackstone for their support and understanding. My first concern has always been the safety and wellbeing of the town, its

residents and all the members of police department. Therefore, I welcome any questions or concerns you may have regarding the department, traffic or motor vehicle issues, or any matter of public safety. We will continue to strive to be the best department we can be, and it is with your help and contributions that this will happen. Please feel free to contact me anytime at (508) 883-1212 x 138 or via email at chief@blackstonepolice.org

Once again thank you for your support and please keep the safety of all the officers in your thoughts throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Ross A. Atstupenas
Chief of Police

2018 Annual Report

Department of Public Works

Highway Division:

In 2018, the streets were swept, street lines and cross walks were painted, catch basins were cleaned and repaired. Drainage pipes were repaired/replaced on Canal Street, Carter Avenue and Shore Drive. The town's highway division repaved numerous streets, Handy Road, portions of Elm Street, Farm Street and Rathbun Street. The sidewalks on a section of Rathbun Street were replaced. Brush was cut at resident's requests and/or to eliminate any safety issues. An expansion joint was repaired on the St. Paul Street Bridge. We would like to thank the Department of Corrections work crew for their assistance throughout the year. They assisted with the clean-up for the annual Memorial Day Parade, cleaning the parks in preparation for the fishing tournament and weeding/mulching various areas in town. We appreciate their service to the Town. We thank the residents for their patience while we clear and clean the streets during snow storms.

Water Division:

The Department of Public Works personnel continue to operate and maintain six pumping stations that pump water from eight wells. The water is treated at the corrosion control facility before it is distributed to customers/residents. The meters in all wells were calibrated. The water distribution system includes four water storage standpipes and approximately forty miles of water main providing drinking water and fire protection to 90% of our population. Well 8 and Well 5 were cleaned. The Water Department received a grant from DEP to replace the electric motor pump at Well 5 which will save on electric cost. The water department has continued the annual water main flushing program during the spring and fall seasons. The Department continues to work on the water meter replacement program. Water testing is required by the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act and Massachusetts Drinking Water Regulations. Once a month we collect bacteria samples from twenty-one locations (includes all wells) throughout the water distribution system. During the year, we also sampled for contaminants such as: Carbon based products called Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Disinfectant Byproducts such as Trihalomethane and Haloacetic Acids and others such as Nitrate, Tetrachloroethylene, Arsenic, Iron, Manganese and asbestos. The Town worked with Toomey Water Services to inspect the backflow devices throughout town. The town's fire hydrants were winterized in the fall to protect them from freezing.

Sewer Division:

The Department of Public Works currently operates and maintains fifteen (15) waste water pump stations throughout the town. These pump stations were checked daily by DPW employees. All the sewer stations were cleaned. The wet well in the Main Lift, Staples Lane, Quick Street, Shore Drive and CCF sewer pump station were cleaned. The flow meter at the Main lift station was calibrated. Sewer pumps were rebuilt and many electronic components replaced at six stations. The Department assisted with the repair of the septic system at the JFK/AMF School.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Board of Water & Sewer Commissioners and all other boards or departments that assisted us in any way this past year. To the residents of Blackstone, we ask for your patience and support as we continue to strive to improve our level of service and our water, wastewater and highway infrastructure.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Sullivan
Superintendent

2018 REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board was established on January 26, 1966 in accordance with the Zoning Enabling Act, Chapter 40A and Section 14 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Members:

The 2018 the Zoning Board of Appeals was led by Chairman Paul Marvelle and ably assisted by Vice Chairman Marc Gregoire. Other members included Gary Jolicoer, John Therrien, and Jim Pitler. Alternate members included Joe Belrose and Jeannine Castonguay.

Tara Sullivan served as the Board's Coordinator for the majority of the year.

Meetings:

The Zoning Board of Appeals generally meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Center. All meetings are recorded and accessible on the Blackstone Cable Access Channel and available through the Government Access on Demand web page on the Town website.

During 2018, the Zoning Board of Appeals had several public hearings and approval decisions on special permits, as well as on variances regarding various dimensional requirements such as setbacks, frontage and area. The applications were reviewed and decisions rendered pursuant to the Blackstone Zoning Bylaws, amended last in 2008.

Anyone who seeks information on current fees, schedules, or copies of the ByLaws may visit the Town's website for all respective documents. Those who may also seek more details pertaining to approved projects in the Town are invited to call the Planning and Zoning Department at the Town Hall directly.

The Zoning Board of Appeals would like to thank Town residents, Town officials and the Board of Selectmen for their support and assistance. The Board will dutifully move forward to work with all members of the public and the Town to uphold the principles set out in the Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Zoning Board of Appeals

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK
YEAR ENDING 2018

It is with pleasure that I submit my report for the 2018 calendar year. It has been a very rewarding and exciting year for the Town Clerk's Office.

As a result of the 2018 Annual Census, the population of Blackstone is 8,962. I would like to thank the residents who faithfully return their census forms year after year. The accurate town population numbers gathered through the annual census are vital to the submittal process when town departments apply for various grants. Also, by answering the town census, residents ensure that their voting status remains active. By state law the Town Clerk's Office is required to inactivate voters who do not respond to the census. We were fortunate to have Jan Geiger assist us in inputting the census data into the state Voter Registration Information System.

From the date of Blackstone's incorporation in 1845, our vital records total the following: Births, 18,785; Marriages, 10,246; and Deaths, 11,463. Since 2011, the Town Clerk's Office receives birth information via the internet through the state's computerized software database program. A similar electronic system for death records was implemented in October 2014. The state has not yet instituted a similar program for marriages.

A Special Town Meeting was held on January 24, 2018, with a total of 85 registered voters attending. The Annual Town Election was held on April 2, 2018. There were 11 positions on the ballot, no contested races, and 147 voters cast their ballots. The Special and Annual Town Meetings were held on May 29, 2018. The Annual Town Meeting business was concluded in one evening with 246 resident voters acting on twenty-five articles. The Blackstone-Millville Regional School District posted a warrant for a Special District-Wide Meeting to be held on August 8, 2018. The total number of Blackstone voters attending was 373. The State Primary Election was held on September 4, 2018. A total of 1,283 voters cast their ballots. Topping off the busy election/town meeting season was the State Election of November 6, 2018, which saw 3,597 voters show up at the polls. For the second time in Massachusetts, residents were allowed to "Early Vote." The early voting period ran from October 22 through November 2, and 612 voters participated. We were very fortunate to have Maribeth Hagan work for us the entire early-voting period. She checked in voters and explained the early voting process to them. My thanks go out to the poll workers at elections and the counters and checkers at town meetings for their excellent work. I would also like to thank Peter Ryan, Sr. and Adam Robidoux for their organization in setting up the polling locations. As of December 2018 Blackstone had 6,087 registered voters. Party breakdowns are as follows: Democrats 1298, Republicans 769, Libertarians 27, and Unenrolled 3,893. All other parties and Political Designations total 100.

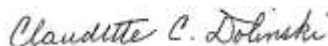
A special thanks to the Board of Registrars members, Daniel T. Doyle, Marc J. V. Greenwald, and Joel Cohen for their commitment to the town and assistance with the voter registration deadlines.

We continue the ongoing task of microfilming the town's records: meeting minutes of various boards, Planning Board and ZBA plans, vital records, election materials, etc. We have microfilmed records through 2014 and are currently working on 2015 and 2016. I would like to thank Mackenzie Varieur, a Junior at UMass Amherst, for her work during semester break in this respect.

We continue to co-ordinate with Animal Control regarding the dog-licensing aspect of our department. The state mandates that dogs six months of age or older be licensed with the town and have current rabies vaccinations. Blackstone offers one, two, and three-year licenses, depending on the expiration date of the dog's rabies vaccination. In November of 2018, we were fortunate to have Chief Atstupenas, the Animal Control Officer, purchase a new user-friendly dog-licensing program. At the close of 2018 we had information on a total of 1,446 dogs in our data system.

Lastly, I would like to thank my staff. Donna M. Bik, Assistant Town Clerk, with nineteen years of experience in the Town Clerk's Office and Julie E. Picard, Office Assistant, who joined us 5 ½ years ago, are devoted professionals who keep the Town Clerk's Office running smoothly.

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk

VISIT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Administers Oath of Office to Appointed and Elected Officials
Annual Town Census Generation and Data Input
Attorney General Submittals/Approvals/Rejections
Audit Reports
Bazaar and Raffle Permits
Birth, Death & Marriage Records
Board & Committee Meeting Minutes
Burial Permits
Business Certificates
Campaign and Political Finance Reports
Certified Copies of Records
Charter and Town By-laws
Claims & Legal Action Against the Town
Distributes Conflict of Interest Summaries to all Employees, Elected & Appointed Officials
Distributes Warrants for Town Meeting
Dog Licenses and Regulations
Elderly Resident Lists
Elections and Recounts
Federal and State Tax Liens
Federal Census Tract Number
General By-law Information
Historical Information
Information on Public Records
Initiative Petitions
Joint Pole Locations
Jury List
Keeper of the Town Seal
Marriage Licenses
Massachusetts General Laws Accepted/Rejected
Meetings and Agendas Posted
Microfilming of Town Records
Nomination Papers
Notary Public Services
Open Meeting Laws
Party Enrollment Change Cards
Receives Appointments and Resignations
Receives Referendum Petitions
Street Acceptances
Street Listing Books
Subdivision Regulations
Time Keeper to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals
Town Maps
Town Meeting Information
Town Meeting Votes
Town Reports
Voter Registration
Voting Lists
Zoning By-laws
Zoning Variance Applications

AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

The audit of the financial statements for the Town of Blackstone as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, was completed by Roselli, Clark & Associates.

A copy of the financial report issued by Roselli, Clark & Associates, is on file and available for inspection during normal business hours in the Town Clerk's Office. It may also be found on the town's website on the Town Accountant's page.

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

JANUARY 24, 2018

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:00 PM then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow and/or transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars to be expended under the direction of Blackstone-Millville Regional School District School Committee for paying the costs of feasibility study for a window and boiler replacement project at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, 200 Lincoln St Blackstone, MA, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow and/or transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to purchase a 2017 Ford F350 truck for the Recycling Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

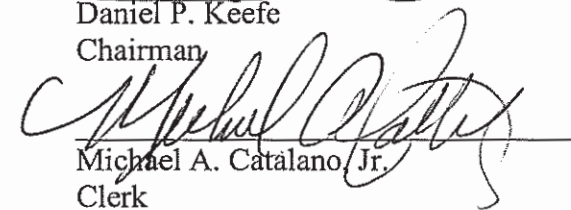
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than seven (7) days before the days fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

Given under our hands this 12th day of December 2017.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE



Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman



Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk



Gerald P. Rivet
Member

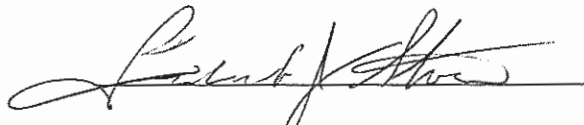


Margaret Bik
Vice-Chairman



Robert J. Dubois
Member

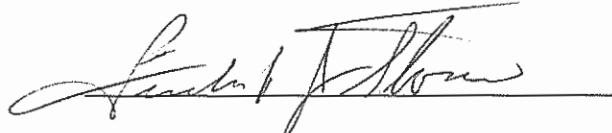
A true copy attest:



Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 13th day of December, 2017 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.



Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:



Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 81 registered voters present and voting at the start of the meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Lauren Zahorsky, Acting Town Accountant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; and Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools;

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1: A motion was duly made and seconded that the town vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand (\$75,000) Dollars to be expended under the direction of Blackstone-Millville Regional School District School Committee for paying the costs of feasibility study for a window and boiler replacement project at John F. Kennedy School, 200 Lincoln St. Blackstone, MA, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Discussion followed the Finance Committee's recommendation.

Mr. Allen Himmelberger, the Superintendent of Schools, indicated that this is what has to be done to adhere to the timeline put forth by the MSBA if we want to participate in their reimbursement program. He said the \$75,000 commits the district to a feasibility study and schematic design. The next step is to provide certified documentation of funding by January 31 to MSBA and then execute contracts with the project manager within 4 weeks. The design must be submitted by May 9; the project funding agreement by June 27; and the total project budget would be voted by September 25. This is an accelerated repair; over eighty were submitted; and we were one of several approved. He said the condition of the building is ready for renovation, and the boilers and windows are part of this. We will know the cost once the schematic design is done. He said that typically, we could be in the 57% reimbursable rate. Mr. Himmelberger said that along with that, other renovations are needed at the Kennedy: plumbing, bathrooms, HVAC, electrical system, flooring, and furniture and fixtures. He said that would be a tremendous investment on a building that has served the community since 1965 and could go on for another generation.

Ms. Jacalyn Miner of 125 Blackstone Street stated that raises are given year after year and yet residents are asked to give more money. The Moderator reminded her that the discussion was about renovations to the JFK School and the feasibility study and not about raises. Ms. Miner stated that her opinion was that repairs should be done continuously.

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 2. A motion was duly made and seconded that the Town vote to transfer and appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Forty Thousand (\$40,000) Dollars to purchase a 2017 Ford F350 truck for the Recycling Center.

Mr. Robert Antonitis of 11 Residential Lane asked if the vehicle has a diesel or gas engine and if other makes of vehicles were considered. It was stated that the truck requested has a gas engine. Town Administrator Daniel Keyes indicated that the Ford was in bids put out to replace a vehicle. This will be a replacement vehicle for a truck that was in an auto accident and totaled out by the insurance carrier. The town is currently using a rental vehicle that is being paid for by the town's insurance carrier who will then seek reimbursement from the insurance carrier for the vehicle that hit our truck. He said the \$40,000 cost is all-inclusive.

Mr. Thomas Bik of 95 Elm Street questioned why the town's insurance carrier is not paying for the replacement of the vehicle. Mr. Keyes said that the net worth of the vehicle was \$5,800 with a deductible. The Board of Selectmen accepted a reimbursement of \$4,800, which went to the General Fund.

Mr. Paul Muller of 3 State Street asked about the source of funding. The answer given was Free Cash.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m. A total of 85 voters had checked in by the conclusion of the meeting.



Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

Town of Blackstone
Warrant for the Annual Town Election
April 2, 2018

WORCESTER SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of said Town who are qualified to vote in elections to meet at the following places on Monday, the 2nd day of April, 2018.

Precinct #1—Senior Center (Lower Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street

Precinct #2—St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun Street

Precinct #3—Main Conference Room (Upper Level), Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following:

One Assessor of Taxes for a 3-Year term; One Assessor of Taxes for an Unexpired 3-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Blackstone Representative) for an Unexpired 4-year Term to expire ATE 2020; One member of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee (Millville Representative) for a 4-Year Term; One Collector/Treasurer for an Unexpired 3-Year Term to expire ATE 2019; One member of the Board of Health for a 3-Year Term; Two members of the Parks & Recreation Commission for 3-Year Terms; One member of the Planning Board for a 5-Year Term; One member of the Planning Board for an Unexpired 5-Year Term to expire ATE 2021; and One member of the Board of Selectmen for a 3-Year Term.

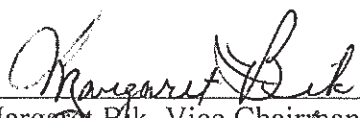
Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting:

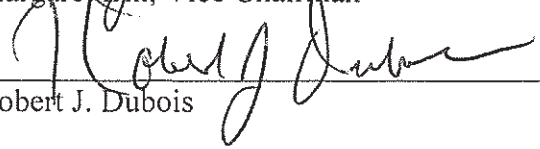
Given under our hands this *6th* day of March, 2018.


Daniel P. Keefe, Chairman

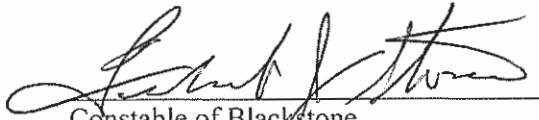

Michael A. Catalano, Jr., Clerk


Gerald P. Rivet

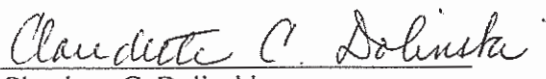

Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman


Robert J. Dubois

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 7th day of March, 2018, notified the inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and at the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Constable of Blackstone

A True Copy of Notice and Return:


Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 2, 2018

WARDENS:

Precinct #1: Margaret T. Keegan
 Precinct #2: Robert A. Gilbert
 Precinct #3: Frederick J. Stone

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	48
Prec #2	47
Prec #3	52
Total	147

	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL
ASSESSOR OF TAXES (3 YRS)				
*Franscena B. Schandelmayer-Davis	39	29	37	105
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	9	18	15	42
ASSESSOR OF TAXES (Unexpired 3-Yr Term to Expire ATE 2020)				
*Jeremiah J. Carey	39	37	34	110
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	9	10	18	37
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Bethany B. Dunton	37	32	35	104
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	11	15	17	43
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Blackstone Representative) (Unexpired 4-Yr Term to Expire ATE 2020)				
*Sarah Williams	35	35	36	106
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	13	12	16	41
BLACKSTONE-MILLVILLE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE (Millville Representative) (4 YRS)				
*Jane C. Reggio	38	31	33	102
Others	0	0	0	0
Blanks	10	16	19	45

COLLECTOR/TREASURER (Unexpired 3-Yr Term to Expire ATE 2019)

*Catherine A. Muller	35	35	38	108
Others	2	2	1	5
Blanks	11	10	13	34

BOARD OF HEALTH (3 YRS)

*Peter C. Ryan, Sr.	42	36	36	114
Others	0	1	0	1
Blanks	6	10	16	32

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
(3 YRS) - Two Positions**

*Donald C. Cox	41	39	36	116
*Robert D. Gilbert	34	32	36	102
Others	1	0	0	1
Blanks	20	23	32	75

PLANNING BOARD (5 YRS)

*Paul E. Marvelle	41	34	41	116
Others	0	1	0	1
Blanks	7	12	11	30

PLANNING BOARD (Unexpired 5-Yr term to Expire ATE 2021)

*Anthony M. Catalano	38	35	39	112
Others	0	2	0	2
Blanks	10	10	13	33

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 YRS)

*Daniel P. Keefe	40	40	46	126
Others	2	1	0	3
Blanks	6	6	6	18

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6377

Total voters--147

2% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 29, 2018

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$189.97 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$899.10 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$136 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3783.09 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,750 to pay prior year bill payable to Applied Geographic's or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$700 to pay prior year bill payable to Applied Geographic's or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available retained earnings the sum of \$23,930 for the flow bill from the City of Woonsocket in the amount of \$252,854.13 or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money not to exceed \$100,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$342.64 to pay prior year bill payable to Mass Dept. of Revenue or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$388.12 to pay prior year bill payable to Tellstone Garage or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

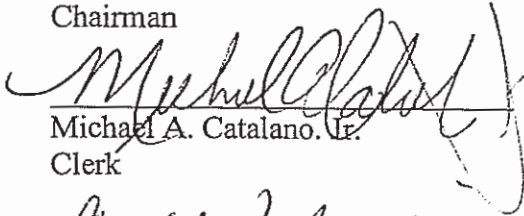
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on 200 Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town .

Given under our hands this 20th day of March in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

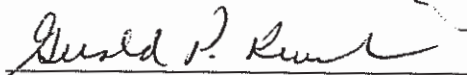
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE



Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman



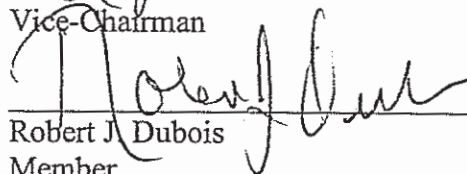
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk



Gerald P. Rivet
Member

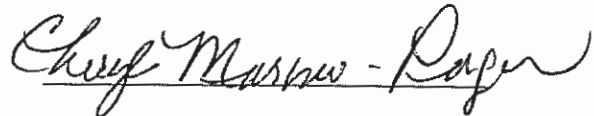


Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman



Robert J. Dubois
Member

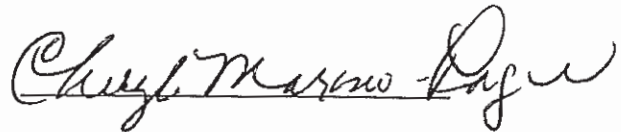
A true copy attest:



Constable of Blackstone

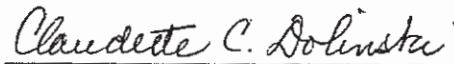
Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 21st day of March, 2018 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.



Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:



Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

AMENDED WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (May 1, 2018)

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

May 29, 2018

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$189.97 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$899.10 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$136 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3783.09 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc., or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,750 to pay prior year bill payable to Applied Geographic's or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$700 to pay prior year bill payable to Applied Geographic's or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available retained earnings the sum of \$23,930.88 for the flow bill from the City of Woonsocket in the amount of \$252,854.13 or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of money not to exceed \$100,000 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$342.64 to pay prior year bill payable to Mass Dept. of Revenue or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$388.12 to pay prior year bill payable to Tellstone Garage or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$400,000 for design and construction services relative to the Lincoln Street Bridge project or take any other action in relation thereto.


(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

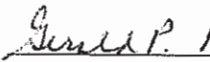
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone fourteen (14) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at Fire Station #2, Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on 200 Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than fourteen (14) days before the day fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town .

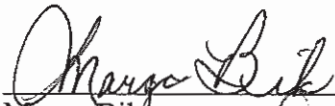
Given under our hands this 7th day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Eighteen.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman

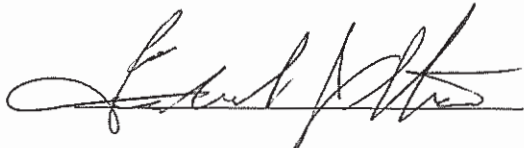
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk


Gerald P. Rivet
Member


Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman


Robert J. Dubois
Member

A true copy attest:

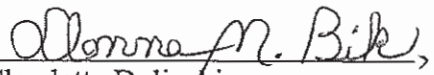

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have this 8th day of May, 2018 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.


Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

Asst. Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Special Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Lauren Zahorsky, Acting Town Accountant; Julie Hebert, Consultant, Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Jeffrey McClure, P.E., Associate, Weston & Sampson; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$189.97 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$899.10 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$136.00 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$50 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$3783.09 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65 to pay prior year bill payable to MHQ, Inc.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,750 to pay prior year bill payable to Applied Geographics.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$700 to pay prior year bill payable to Applied Geographics.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from retained earnings the sum of \$23,930.88 for the flow bill from the City of Woonsocket in the amount of \$252,854.13.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of money not to exceed \$99,515.00 to balance the deficit of the snow and ice account.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$342.64 to pay prior year bill payable to Mass Dept. of Revenue.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$388.12 to pay prior year bill payable to Tellstone Garage.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Stabilization the sum of \$400,000 for design and construction services relative to the Lincoln Street Bridge project.

YES 146 NO 9

TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY SECRET BALLOT VOTE

MOTION PASSES

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:27 p.m.. There were 235 voters who attended the meeting.



Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 29, 2018

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019 and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation; said compensation set by town meeting to be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the various Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1,800.00 for the Chairman, such compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Article IV, §5-33.1 of the General Bylaws, up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab for the Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Parks & Recreation)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$162,648 to install a fire alarm system at the Blackstone/Millville Regional High School or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,344 to purchase a Sigcom TRX50 Legacy Migration Upgrade Emergency Reporting System or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$41,273 to purchase a Polaris Gator vehicle for Police & Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve an extension of the term of the Fire Chief's employment agreement through July, 2022 or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$47,500 for a new skid steerer for the Recycling Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$275,000 for a sweeper for the Department of Public Works or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$250,000 as the Town's investment into the SRBT Fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund ("OPEB Trust Fund") in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act") and that in accordance with the Act the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund relative to

establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$217,000 for study and design services relative to the St. Paul Street River – Phased Construction bridge project or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$198,500 for a reimbursable grant to repair the Elm Street bridge as part of the second round of Municipal Small Bridge Program or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available Water & Sewer Enterprise retained earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase and install a generator for the Bellingham Road water tanks and a replacement sewer pump for Staples Lane, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen to authorize the end of School Taxes for town residents that have paid taxes to the Town of Blackstone for twenty years or more and are over the age of sixty-two or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the stabilization fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

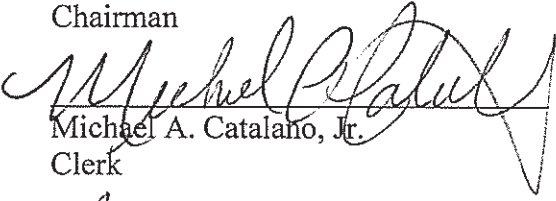
Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.


And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than seven (7) days before the days fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

Given under our hands this 20th day of March 2018.

SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman

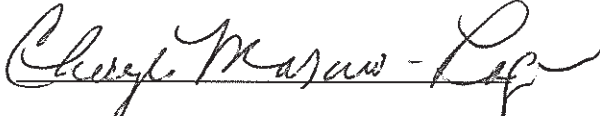

Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk


Gerald P. Rivet
Member


Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman

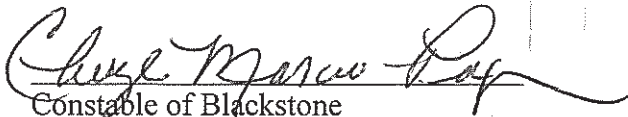

Robert J. Dubois
Member

A true copy attest:

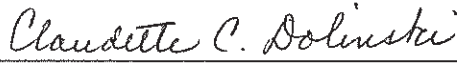

Cheryl Maraw-Pag
Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 21st day of March, 2018 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.


Cheryl Maraw-Pag
Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 29, 2018

Worcester, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Blackstone in the County of Worcester.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Blackstone-Millville Regional Molony-Sullivan School Auditorium in said Town of Blackstone on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. then and there to act upon the articles of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019 and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy, by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation; said compensation set by town meeting to be paid in four (4) equal installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to March, June, September and December, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the various Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior

to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation at \$1500.00 per member and \$1,800.00 for the Chairman, such compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates; or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates; or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Article IV, §5-33.1 of the General Bylaws, up to the maximum amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2019, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Library Trustees)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab for the Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Parks & Recreation)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$162,648 to install a fire alarm system at the Blackstone/Millville Regional High School or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$65,344 to purchase a Sigcom TRX50 Legacy Migration Upgrade Emergency Reporting System or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$41,273 to purchase a Polaris Gator vehicle for Police & Fire Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to approve an extension of the term of the Fire Chief's employment agreement through July, 2022 or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$68,000 for a new skid steerer for the Recycling Department or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$280,000 for a sweeper for the Department of Public Works or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$250,000 as the Town's investment into the SRBT Fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits

Liability Trust Fund ("OPEB Trust Fund") in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act") and that in accordance with the Act the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$217,000 for study, inspection, design and repair services relative to town bridges, roadways and walkways in need of repair, upgrade or replacement or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Vocational Tuition budget line item (#01303-53300) the sum of \$2,504.70 for the purpose of reimbursement of student transportation costs to Angela Laplante or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c.64N, section 3, to impose an excise on the retail sales of marijuana for adult use at the rate of 3% or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money in the amount of \$198,500 for a reimbursable grant to repair the Elm Street bridge as part of the second round of Municipal Small Bridge Program or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available Water & Sewer Enterprise retained earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase and install a generator for the Bellingham Road water tanks and a replacement sewer pump for Staples Lane, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Water & Sewer Commission)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen to authorize the end of School Taxes for town residents that have paid taxes to the Town of Blackstone for twenty years or more and are over the age of sixty-two or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by Petition)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the stabilization fund or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Submitted by the Board of Selectmen)

Hereof, fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up true and attested copies thereof in each of the following names and places in Blackstone seven (7) days at least before the day fixed for such meeting at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street and at the Fire Station on Rathbun Street and the A.F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street and also by publication no less than seven (7) days before the days fixed for such meeting in that newspaper having the largest circulation in the Town.

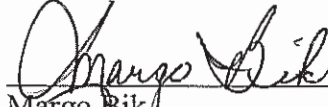
Given under our hands this 7th day of May 2018.

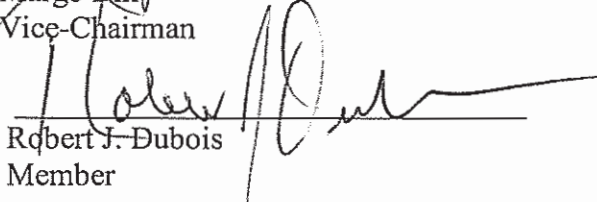
SELECTMEN OF BLACKSTONE


Daniel P. Keefe
Chairman

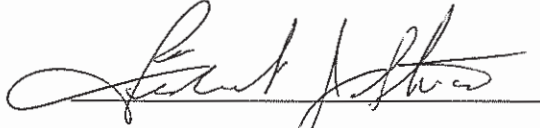
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.
Clerk


Gerald P. Rivet
Member


Margo Bik
Vice-Chairman

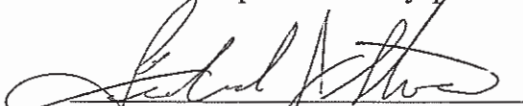

Robert J. Dubois
Member

A true copy attest:

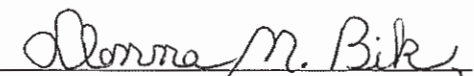

Constable of Blackstone

Worcester, SS:

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, I have this 8th day of May, 2018 notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, Precinct #2 and Precinct #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within named places and by publication as within directed.


Constable of Blackstone

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette Dolinski
Town Clerk
Asst. Town Clerk

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 29, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Moderator Mark N. Poirier, who declared a quorum. There were 246 registered voters in attendance.

A motion was duly made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to waive Chapter 5, Section 8, of the Town Bylaws to allow the following nonresidents to participate in discussion at the Annual Town Meeting: Patrick J. Costello, Esq., Louison, Costello, Condon & Pfaff LLP; Lauren Zahorsky, Acting Town Accountant; Julie Hebert, Consultant; Patricia Salamone, Assistant Assessor; Lisa Cheever, Library Director;; Gino Carlucci, TGC Associates, Franklin, MA; Jeffrey McClure, P.E., Associate, Weston & Sampson; Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District; Allen W. Himmelberger, Superintendent of Schools; and the Millville Representatives of the B-M Regional School District.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner as when a majority vote is required (as permitted by G. L. Ch. 39, Section 15, as amended by Acts of 1996, Ch. 448, Section 2).

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a Treasurer may use when appointed Collector.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 2. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of various obsolete and/or inoperative equipment, scrap materials, etc., or to auction or sell any excess equipment that may be on hand in any Town Department.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 3. Finance Committee Chairman John Wozniak moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and to determine how such sums of money should be raised, whether from the current tax levy by transfer from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Wozniak then read all department salary and expense totals. The following department totals were held: Assessors, Education BMR, Library, and County Retirement. The Moderator called for a vote on all non-held items.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE TO APPROVE ALL NON-HELD ITEMS

01114 MODERATOR		
SALARIES	\$550	
EXPENSES	0	
TOTAL	\$550	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01122 SELECTMEN		
SALARIES	\$26,434	
EXPENSES	\$50,850	
TOTAL	\$77,284	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01123 ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$191,908	
EXPENSES	\$14,500	
TOTAL	\$206,408	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01131 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$3,000	
EXPENSES	\$6,300	
TOTAL	\$9,300	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01132 RESERVE FUND		
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND	\$100,000	
TOTAL	\$100,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01133 CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$1,600	
TOTAL	\$3,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
SALARIES	\$117,648	
EXPENSES	\$15,260	
TOTAL	\$132,908	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Ryan Sornberger of 63 Glenside Drive questioned the 15% increase in the salary for the Assessors Administrative Assistant. Town Administrator Daniel Keyes said the increase is contractual. The calculation was incorrect for last year, plus the employee receives a step increase and a 3% raise.

01141 ASSESSORS		
SALARIES	\$109,889	
EXPENSES	\$55,800	
TOTAL	\$165,689	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

01145 COLLECTOR/TREASURER		
SALARIES	\$122,350	
EXPENSES	\$27,750	
TOTAL	\$150,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01151 TOWN COUNSEL		
EXPENSES	\$135,000	
TOTAL	\$135,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01155 DATA PROCESSING		
EXPENSES	\$145,000	
TOTAL	\$145,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01158 COPIER		
EXPENSES	\$25,487	
TOTAL	\$25,487	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01159 BONDS & INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$224,201	
TOTAL	\$224,201	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01161 TOWN CLERK		
SALARIES	\$133,478	
EXPENSES	\$20,600	
TOTAL	\$154,078	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01162 ELECTIONS		
SALARIES	\$26,000	
EXPENSES	\$11,510	
TOTAL	\$37,510	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01163 BOARD OF REGISTRARS		
SALARIES	\$2,250	
EXPENSES	\$4,250	
TOTAL	\$6,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01171 CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
SALARIES	\$3,745	
EXPENSES	\$480	
TOTAL	\$4,225	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01175 PLANNING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$8,320	
EXPENSES	\$18,011	
TOTAL	\$26,331	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01176 ZONING BOARD		
SALARIES	\$4,682	
EXPENSES	\$3,707	
TOTAL	\$8,389	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01182 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$5,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01184 CENTRAL MASS PLANNING		
EXPENSES	\$2,522	
TOTAL	\$2,522	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01190 GENERAL		
EXPENSES	\$154,500	
TOTAL	\$154,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01192 PUBLIC BUILDING MAINT		
EXPENSES	\$337,525	
TOTAL	\$337,525	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01195 TOWN REPORT		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01210 POLICE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,572,683	
EXPENSES	\$206,232	
TOTAL	\$1,778,915	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01211 POLICE DISPATCHERS		
SALARIES	\$233,798	
EXPENSES	\$2,700	
TOTAL	\$236,498	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01220 FIRE DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$1,007,492	
EXPENSES	\$39,800	
TOTAL	\$1,047,292	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01231 AMBULANCE SERVICE		
SALARIES	\$5,869	
EXPENSES	\$52,000	
TOTAL	\$57,869	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01241 MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$75,991	
EXPENSES	\$3,500	
TOTAL	\$79,491	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01243 PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$16,020	
EXPENSES	\$1,133	
TOTAL	\$17,153	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01244 SEALER WEIGHTS/MEASURES		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01245 ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR		
SALARIES	\$16,020	
EXPENSES	\$650	
TOTAL	\$16,670	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01291 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT		
SALARIES	\$500	
EXPENSES	\$16,750	
TOTAL	\$17,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01292 ANIMAL CONTROL		
SALARIES	\$18,100	
EXPENSES	\$7,900	
TOTAL	\$26,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01294 FORESTRY		
SALARIES	\$6,981	
EXPENSES	\$18,200	
TOTAL	\$25,181	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the BMR Education budget. Participants in the discussion were Board of Selectmen Chairman Daniel Keefe; Superintendent Allen Himmelberger; School Committeewoman Tammy Lemieux; Mark Ullucci, 45 Glenside Drive; and James Watson, 5 Fairway Lane.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE TO MOVE THE QUESTION

01300 EDUCATION – B. M. R.		
EXPENSES	\$9,002,440	
TOTAL	\$9,002,440	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01301 BLACKSTONE VALLEY VOC		
SALARIES	\$1,500	
EXPENSES	\$867,299	
TOTAL	\$868,799	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01303 VOCATIONAL TUITION		
EXPENSES	\$524,192	
TOTAL	\$524,192	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01412 ENGINEERING		
EXPENSES	\$15,000	
TOTAL	\$15,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01420 PUBLIC WORKS SUPT		
SALARIES	\$30,600	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$30,600	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01421 HIGHWAY LABOR		
SALARIES	\$296,627	
TOTAL	\$296,627	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01422 HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$44,189	
TOTAL	\$44,189	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01423 SNOW & ICE REMOVAL		
SALARIES	\$27,500	
EXPENSES	83,172	
TOTAL	\$110,672	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01424 STREET LIGHTING		
EXPENSES	\$109,375	
TOTAL	\$109,375	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01428 MECHANICAL REPAIRS		
EXPENSES	\$77,500	
TOTAL	\$77,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01429 CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$630,000	
TOTAL	\$630,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01432 STREET CLEANING		
EXPENSES	\$3,000	
TOTAL	\$3,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01433 WASTE COLLECTION		
SALARIES	\$0	
EXPENSES	\$587,394	
TOTAL	\$587,394	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01434 RECYCLING		
SALARIES	\$157,811	
EXPENSES	\$57,800	
TOTAL	\$215,611	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01510 BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARIES	\$21,092	
EXPENSES	\$61,145	
TOTAL	\$82,237	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01541 COUNCIL ON AGING		
SALARIES	\$203,450	

EXPENSES	\$12,520	
TOTAL	\$215,970	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01543 VETERANS		
SALARIES	\$5,683	
EXPENSES	\$136,920	
TOTAL	\$142,603	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mary Lou Branchaud, the Chair of the Library Board of Trustees moved to amend the Finance Committee's recommendation to read as follows:

That the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash or any other source of funding the sum of \$26,118.00 to restore Line #51140 Part-Time Wages, for a Salary Total of \$285,970.00 and a Department Total of \$502,350.00 or take any other action related thereto.

The motion was seconded, and Ms. Branchaud read a prepared statement in support of her motion. A lengthy discussion ensued, and the participants included Finance Committee Chairman John Wozniak; Ms Branchaud; Library Director Lisa Cheever; Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road; and Kevin Giroux, 64 Glenside Drive.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to approve the amendment.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT

01610 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT		
SALARIES	\$285,970	
EXPENSES	\$216,380	
TOTAL	\$502,350	123 YES 83 NO MAJORITY HAND COUNT VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider the Library Department Budget.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

01650 PARKS		
SALARIES	\$89,038	
EXPENSES	\$54,000	
TOTAL	\$143,038	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01691 HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01692 MEMORIAL DAY/INDEPENDENCE DAY		
SALARIES	\$1,800	
EXPENSES	\$8,300	
TOTAL	\$10,100	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01710 RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$869,148	
TOTAL	\$869,148	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

01751 LONG TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$265,011	
TOTAL	\$265,011	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01752 SHORT TERM DEBT/INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$6,500	
TOTAL	\$6,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01810 CHERRY SHEET ASSESSMENTS		
EXPENSES	\$45,387	
TOTAL	\$45,387	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Regarding the “hold” on County retirement, no one rose to speak on the matter.

01911 COUNTY RETIREMENT		
EXPENSES	\$747,271	
TOTAL	\$747,271	MAJORITY VOICE VOTE
01913 UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		
EXPENSES	\$50,000	
TOTAL	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01914 HEALTH INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$720,031	
TOTAL	\$720,031	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01915 LIFE INSURANCE		
EXPENSES	\$3,250	
TOTAL	\$3,250	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01916 MATCHING MEDICARE		
EXPENSES	\$71,015	
TOTAL	\$71,015	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01918 COMPENSATED BALANCES		
EXPENSES	\$10,000	
TOTAL	\$10,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01919 COMPENSATED ABSENCES		
EXPENSES	\$7,500	
TOTAL	\$7,500	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
01960 CAPITAL TRUST		
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL TRUST	\$2,023,692	
TOTAL	\$2,023,692	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$23,851,428	
WATER AND SEWER ENTERPRISE		

60132 SEWER RESERVE FUND		
59610 SEWER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60441 SEWER SALARIES		
SALARIES	\$164,052	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$164,052	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60442 SEWER MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$199,892	
TOTAL	\$199,892	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		
EXPENSES	\$26,579	
TOTAL	\$26,579	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
60443 SEWER WOONSOCKET REGIONAL		
EXPENSES	\$484,448	
TOTAL	\$484,448	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL SEWER	\$924,971	
61132 WATER RESERVE FUND		
59610 WATER RESERVE FUND	\$50,000	
TOTAL TRANSFER	\$50,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61450 WATER DEPARTMENT LABOR		
SALARIES	\$169,923	
EXPENSES	\$0	
TOTAL	\$169,923	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61451 WATER ADMINISTRATION		
SALARIES	\$76,084	
TOTAL	\$76,084	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61452 WATER CONST & MAINTENANCE		
EXPENSES	\$533,090	
TOTAL	\$533,090	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND		
EXPENSES	\$39,479	
TOTAL	\$39,479	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61710 WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT		
EXPENSES	\$160,000	
TOTAL	\$160,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
61751 WATER LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST		
EXPENSES	\$19,050	
TOTAL	\$19,050	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

61820 MASS FED SAFE DRINKING WTR ASSESSMENT		
EXPENSES	\$2,000	
TOTAL	\$2,000	UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE
TOTAL WATER	\$1,049,626	
TOTAL WATER/SEWER ENTERPRISE	\$1,974,597	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND & WATER & SEWER BUDGETS	\$25,826,025	

The Moderator stated a motion was in order to approve the funding sources for Article 3.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,826,025 to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed Town officers and to defray Town expenses for all departments including the Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, and that said appropriation shall be funded as follows:

That	\$ 18,382,973	raised from FY'19 Taxation net Estimated Overlay (Abatements & Exemptions)
That	\$ 1,716,987	raised from FY'19 Projected State Revenue net State Offsets and State Charges
That	\$ 1,525,000	raised from FY'19 Estimated Local Receipts
That	\$ 1,613,734	transferred from Capital Trust
That	\$ 310,000	transferred from The Ambulance Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 2,595	transferred from the Septic Loan Betterment Receipts Reserved Fund
That	\$ 1,974,597	raised from FY'19 Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Revenues
That	\$ -	transferred from the Water/Sewer Enterprise Fund Certified Retained Earnings
That	\$ 66,058	transfer from Water/Sewer Enterprise Funds Indirect Cost Reimbursement
That	\$ -	transferred from Stabilization
That	\$ 234,081-	use of Free Cash
That	\$ -	use of Overlay

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 3 in its entirety.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE NOT TO RECONSIDER

ARTICLE 4. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of Boards and Committees of the Town of Blackstone to be compensated for their services and to set the amount of said compensation set by town meeting to be paid in installments provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the respective Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates: or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the various Boards and Committees (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of

Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each of said dates if such member has not been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 5. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the members of the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District School Committee to be compensated for their services as such members and to set the amount of said compensation to be paid in three (3) equal installments in the months of July, November and March provided, however, that no such installment shall be paid a) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the twelve (12) month period prior to July 1, November 1 or March 1, as the case may be, if such member has been a member for twelve (12) or more months prior to each of said dates: or b) to a member who has not attended at least 60% of the meetings of the District School Committee (excluding, however, any meetings not attended by such member due to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 268A) in the period prior to each said dates.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 6. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the town vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to overlay town streets and roads to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of public ways and street drainage systems and to determine how such sums may be raised, whether by advancement from Town Treasury, or by borrowing in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or otherwise, by the Treasurer, with approval of the Board of Selectmen.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 7. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the construction, reconstruction and improvements of public ways, street drainage systems and sidewalks throughout the Town.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 8. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize expenses from the Library Revolving Fund, established pursuant to Article IV, amount of \$3,000 during Fiscal Year 2019.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read his committee's motion regarding Article 9, which was seconded. Mr. Watson, who is also Chair of the Capital Outlay Committee stated that that committee had followed the recommendations of the Finance Committee on all capital items that will be discussed at tonight's meeting.

ARTICLE 9. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab for the Fire Department.

133 YES 46 NO

MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 10. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$45,000 to purchase one 2018 Ford F-450 Chassis extended cab for the Parks and Recreation Department.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's motion regarding Article 11, which was seconded, and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the requested fire alarm system at the BMR High School.

Participants in the discussion were Stephen Hawley, 16 Residential Lane; John Holmes, 52 Glenside Drive; Brian Melson, 6 Laurel Lane; Superintendent Allen Himmelberger; Fire Chief Michael Sweeney; Jeff Silverstein, 300 Main Street; and Scott Hebert, 12 Milk Street.

ARTICLE 11. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus the sum of \$162,648 to install a fire alarm system at the Blackstone/Millville Regional High School.

180 YES 10 NO
SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 12. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$65,344 to purchase a Sigcom TRX50 Legacy Migration Upgrade Emergency Reporting System.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's motion regarding Article 13, which was seconded, and a lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Polaris Gator vehicle requested.

Participants in the discussion were Ryan Sornberger, 63 Glenside Drive; Police Chief Ross Atstupenas; Jeff Silverstein, 300 Main Street; Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road; John Holmes, 52 Glenside Drive; Fire Chief Sweeney; and Carolyn Powers, 156 Mendon Street.

ARTICLE 13. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$41,273 to purchase a Polaris Gator vehicle for Police & Fire Department.

111 YES 45 NO
MAJORITY HAND-COUNT VOTE

ARTICLE 14. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to approve an extension of the term of the Fire Chief's employment agreement through July, 2022.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 15, which was seconded, and a discussion followed. Participants in the discussion were Timothy Rodrick, 29 Glenside Drive, and Selectman Chairman Dan Keefe who indicated that this piece of equipment could also be used by other departments in town.

ARTICLE 15. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$68,000 for a new skid steer for the Recycling Department.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 16, which was seconded. It was noted that the amount read tonight for the sweeper differed from the amount in the original article. Town Administrator Keyes stated that the amount was revised from \$280,000 to \$225,000. Mr. James Watson asked if there needed to be an amendment. Town Counsel Patrick Costello stated that because the amount is substantially less, there should be no need to revote.

ARTICLE 16. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$225,000 for a sweeper for the Department of Public Works.

109 YES 40 NO

SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 17. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement or easements for the purpose of construction, installation, maintenance and repair of municipal drainage, sewer water systems, and roadways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available funds a sum of money to fund such acquisitions.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 18. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash a sum of money in the amount of \$209,623, from Water Sewer retained earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$20,025, and from Overlay Surplus a sum of money in the amount of \$20,352, totaling \$250,000 as the Town's investment into the SRBT Fund; all in consideration of the fact that the Town has established an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund ("OPEB Trust Fund") in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 68, section 57 of the Acts of 2011 (the "Act") and that in accordance with the Act the Town has designated the Town Treasurer/Collector to serve as custodian of the Town's OPEB Trust Fund relative to establishment of an Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 19. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Overlay Surplus a sum of money in the amount of \$217,000 for study, inspection, design and repair services relative to town bridges, roadways and walkways in need of repair, upgrade or replacement..

104 YES 18 NO

SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 20. This article was passed over.

Original Article:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the vocational Tuition budget line item (#01303-53300) the sum of \$2,504.70 for the purpose of reimbursement of student transportation costs to Angela Laplante or take any other action in relation thereto.

Mr. Wozniak read the Finance Committee's recommendation and motion on Article 21. The motion was seconded, and discussion followed. Participating in the discussion were Jeff Silverstein, 300 Main Street; Town Administrator Daniel Keyes; and Warren Pisani, 7 Rivers Edge Road.

ARTICLE 21. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to accept G.L. c.64N, section 3, to impose an excise on the retail sales of marijuana for adult use at the rate of 3%.

MAJORITY VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 22. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Stabilization the amount of \$198,500 for a reimbursable grant to repair the Elm Street bridge as part of the second round of Municipal Small Bridge Program.

114 YES 7 NO

TWO-THIRDS SECRET BALLOT VOTE TO APPROVE

ARTICLE 23. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from available Water & Sewer Enterprise retained earnings a sum of money in the amount of \$100,000 to purchase and install a generator for the Bellingham Road water tanks and a replacement sewer pump for Staples Lane, including all costs and expenses incidental thereto.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

ARTICLE 24. The Moderator stated that there would be no discussion on this article because Town Counsel has deemed it not to be a legal article and has indicated that it should be passed over.

Original Article

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Blackstone Board of Selectmen to authorize the end of School Taxes for town residents that have paid taxes to the Town of Blackstone for twenty years or more and are over the age of sixty-two or take any other action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 25. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that the Town vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$54,696.08 into the Stabilization Fund.

UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE

MODERATOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Finance Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Jacob W. St. Amant	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2021
Kathryn M. Sweeney	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2021
Amy C. Walsh	3 yrs. Expiring ATM 2021

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to dissolve the warrant and to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Claudette C. Dolinski

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR 2018 STATE PRIMARY

Worcester, SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at:

Precinct #1 at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street, Senior Center (Lower Level)
Precinct #2 at St. Theresa Catholic Church Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun Street
Precinct #3 at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street, Main Conference Room (Upper Level)

on **TUESDAY, THE FOURTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	MIDDLE DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS.....	WORCESTER COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS.....	WORCESTER DISTRICT

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of August, 2018.


Daniel P. Keefe, Sr., Chairman


Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman


Gerald P. Rivet, Clerk

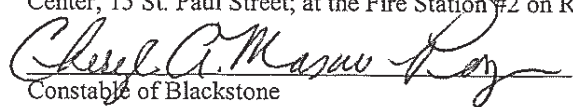
Michael A. Catalano, Jr.


Robert J. Dubois

BLACKSTONE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Worcester, SS

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have on this 22 day of August, 2018, notified the inhabitants of Precinct #1, #2, and #3 in the Town of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies of the within warrant at the within-named places: at the Municipal Center, 15 St. Paul Street; at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun Street; and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Cheryl A. Masaro
Constable of Blackstone

August 22, 2018
Date

A true copy of Notice and Return:


Claudette C. Dolinski, Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY
September 4, 2018

WARDENS:	Precinct #1	Margaret T. Keegan
	Precinct #2	Robert A. Gilbert
	Precinct #3	Maribeth Hagan

The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

The votes were recorded as follows:

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Democrat	174
Prec #2	Democrat	209
Prec #3	Democrat	174
	Total	557

	PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
--	---------------	---------------	---------------	--------------

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

*Elizabeth A. Warren	148	181	145	474
Write-Ins	2	3	5	10
Blanks	24	25	24	73

GOVERNOR

*Jay M. Gonzalez	88	112	88	288
Bob Massie	63	65	54	182
Write-Ins	0	3	3	6
Blanks	23	29	29	81

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Quentin Palfrey	96	109	85	290
Jimmy Tingle	57	66	61	184
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	21	34	27	82

ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Maura Healey	153	189	157	499
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2
Blanks	20	20	16	56

SECRETARY OF STATE

*William Francis Galvin	133	151	124	408
Josh Zakim	35	53	46	134
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	6	5	3	14

TREASURER

*Deborah B. Goldberg	150	176	150	476
Write-Ins	0	0	2	2
Blanks	24	33	22	79

AUDITOR

*Suzanne M. Bump	146	174	146	466
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	28	35	27	90

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--**Second District**

*James P. McGovern	152	190	153	495
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	22	19	20	61

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Paul M. DePalo	143	171	143	457
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	31	38	30	99

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--**Worcester and Norfolk District**

*Thomas M. Merolli	150	181	148	479
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	24	28	25	77

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--**Eighth Worcester District**

*Patrick J. Malone	126	111	114	351
Kevin J. Tagliaferri	44	86	52	182
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	4	12	7	23

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

*Joseph D. Early, Jr.	156	182	156	494
Write-Ins	0	1	1	2
Blanks	18	26	17	61

CLERK OF COURTS--Worcester County

*Dennis P. McManus	149	174	146	469
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	25	35	27	87

REGISTER OF DEEDS--Worcester District

*Kathryn A. Toomey	149	179	147	475
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2
Blanks	24	30	26	80

REPUBLICAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Republican	232
Prec #2	Republican	239
Prec #3	Republican	255
	Total	726

PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
--------	--------	--------	-------

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

*Geoff Diehl	97	96	110	303
John Kingston	70	76	83	229
Beth Joyce Lindstrom	40	56	39	135
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	25	11	23	59

GOVERNOR

*Charles D. Baker	140	165	175	480
Scott D. Lively	83	70	74	227
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	9	4	6	19

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

*Karyn E. Polito	182	193	187	562
Write-Ins	2	1	1	4
Blanks	48	45	67	160

ATTORNEY GENERAL

*James R. McMahon, III	117	133	117	367
Daniel L. Shores	68	72	83	223
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	47	34	55	136

SECRETARY OF STATE

*Anthony M. Amore	158	178	170	506
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	74	61	84	219

TREASURER

*Keiko M. Orrall	155	176	167	498
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2
Blanks	76	63	87	226

AUDITOR

*Helen Brady	158	176	167	501
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	74	63	87	224

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--
Second District**

Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	35	52	44	131
*Kevin William Powers	178	169	193	540
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2
Blanks	18	18	17	53

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

*Jennie L. Caissie	158	175	166	499
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1
Blanks	74	64	88	226

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--
Worcester and Norfolk District**

*Ryan C. Fattman	181	205	219	605
Write-Ins	1	0	1	2
Blanks	50	34	35	119

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--
Eighth Worcester District**

*Ryan Chamberland	108	115	152	375
Michael J. Soter	119	119	97	335
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	5	5	6	16

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

Write-Ins	3	1	0	4
Blanks	229	238	255	722

CLERK OF COURTS--Worcester County

*Joanne E. Powell	157	178	169	504
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	75	61	86	222

REGISTER OF DEEDS--Worcester**District**

Kate D. Campanale	55	66	62	183
*Kevin J. Kuros	155	156	180	491
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	22	17	13	52

LIBERTARIAN PARTY

*Denotes winner for Blackstone

Prec #1	Libertarian	0
Prec #2	Libertarian	0
Prec #3	Libertarian	0
	Total	0

PREC 1	PREC 2	PREC 3	TOTAL
--------	--------	--------	-------

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

GOVERNOR

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

SECRETARY OF STATE

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

TREASURER

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

AUDITOR

Daniel Fishman	0	0	0	0
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--
Second District**

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

COUNCILLOR--Seventh District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--
Worcester and Norfolk District**

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--
Eighth Worcester District**

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

CLERK OF COURTS--Worcester County

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

**REGISTER OF DEEDS--Worcester
District**

Write-Ins	0	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0	0

The polls were closed at 8 p.m.
ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6,456
Total voters--all parties--1283
20% of the eligible voters cast ballots.

Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT
STATE ELECTION – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

SS.

To the Constables of the Town of Blackstone

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said city or town who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at

Pct. 1—Senior Center, Municipal Center (Lower Level), 15 St. Paul St., Blackstone

Pct. 2—St. Theresa Parish Hall, 630 Rathbun St., Blackstone

Pct. 3—Main Conference Room, Municipal Center (Upper Level), 15 St. Paul St., Blackstone

on **TUESDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018**, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
ATTORNEY GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
SECRETARY OF STATE.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
TREASURER AND RECEIVER GENERAL.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
AUDITOR.....	FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.....	SECOND DISTRICT
COUNCILLOR.....	SEVENTH DISTRICT
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT.....	WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.....	EIGHTH WORCESTER DISTRICT
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.....	MIDDLE DISTRICT
CLERK OF COURTS.....	WORCESTER COUNTY
REGISTER OF DEEDS.....	WORCESTER DISTRICT
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE.....	BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would limit how many patients could be assigned to each registered nurse in Massachusetts hospitals and certain other health care facilities. The maximum number of patients per registered nurse would vary by type of unit and level of care, as follows:

- In units with step-down/intermediate care patients: 3 patients per nurse;
- In units with post-anesthesia care or operating room patients: 1 patient under anesthesia per nurse; 2 patients post-anesthesia per nurse;
- In the emergency services department: 1 critical or intensive care patient per nurse (or 2 if the nurse has assessed each patient's condition as stable); 2 urgent non-stable patients per nurse; 3 urgent stable patients per nurse; or 5 non-urgent stable patients per nurse;
- In units with maternity patients: (a) active labor patients: 1 patient per nurse; (b) during birth and for up to two hours immediately postpartum: 1 mother per nurse and 1 baby per nurse; (c) when the condition of the mother and baby are determined to be stable: 1 mother and her baby or babies per nurse; (d) postpartum: 6 patients per nurse; (e) intermediate care or continuing care babies: 2 babies per nurse; (f) well-babies: 6 babies per nurse;
- In units with pediatric, medical, surgical, telemetry, or observational/outpatient treatment patients, or any other unit: 4 patients per nurse; and
- In units with psychiatric or rehabilitation patients: 5 patients per nurse.

The proposed law would require a covered facility to comply with the patient assignment limits without reducing its level of nursing, service, maintenance, clerical, professional, and other staff.

The proposed law would also require every covered facility to develop a written patient acuity tool for each unit to evaluate the condition of each patient. This tool would be used by nurses in deciding whether patient limits should be lower than the limits of the proposed law at any given time.

The proposed law would not override any contract in effect on January 1, 2019 that set higher patient limits. The proposed law's limits would take effect after any such contract expired.

The state Health Policy Commission would be required to promulgate regulations to implement the proposed law. The Commission could conduct inspections to ensure compliance with the law. Any facility receiving written notice from the Commission of a complaint or a violation would be required to submit a written compliance plan to the Commission. The Commission could report violations to the state Attorney General, who could file suit to obtain a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per violation as well as up to \$25,000 for each day a violation continued after the Commission notified the covered facility of the violation. The Health Policy Commission would be required to establish a toll-free telephone number for complaints and a website where complaints, compliance plans, and violations would appear.

The proposed law would prohibit discipline or retaliation against any employee for complying with the patient assignment limits of the law. The proposed law would require every covered facility to post within each unit, patient room, and waiting area a notice explaining the patient limits and how to report violations. Each day of a facility's non-compliance with the posting requirement would be punishable by a civil penalty between \$250 and \$2,500.

The proposed law's requirements would be suspended during a state or nationally declared public health emergency.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities.

A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would create a citizens commission to consider and recommend potential amendments to the United States Constitution to establish that corporations do not have the same Constitutional rights as human beings and that campaign contributions and expenditures may be regulated.

Any resident of Massachusetts who is a United States citizen would be able to apply for appointment to the 15-member commission, and members would serve without compensation. The Governor, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the state Attorney General, the Speaker of the state House of Representatives, and the President of the state Senate would each appoint three members of the commission and, in making these appointments, would seek to ensure that the commission reflects a range of geographic, political, and demographic backgrounds.

The commission would be required to research and take testimony, and then issue a report regarding (1) the impact of political spending in Massachusetts; (2) any limitations on the state's ability to regulate corporations and other entities in light of Supreme Court decisions that allow corporations to assert certain constitutional rights; (3) recommendations for constitutional amendments; (4) an analysis of constitutional amendments introduced to Congress; and (5) recommendations for advancing proposed amendments to the United States Constitution.

The commission would be subject to the state Open Meeting Law and Public Records Law. The commission's first report would be due December 31, 2019, and the Secretary of the Commonwealth would be required to deliver the commission's report to the state Legislature, the United States Congress, and the President of the United States.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect. The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2019.

A YES VOTE would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings.

A NO VOTE would not create this commission.

QUESTION 3: REFERENDUM ON AN EXISTING LAW

Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?

SUMMARY

This law adds gender identity to the list of prohibited grounds for discrimination in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement. Such grounds also include race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, disability, and ancestry. A “place of public accommodation, resort or amusement” is defined in existing law as any place that is open to and accepts or solicits the patronage of the general public, such as hotels, stores, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, and hospitals. “Gender identity” is defined as a person’s sincerely held gender-related identity, appearance, or behavior, whether or not it is different from that traditionally associated with the person’s physiology or assigned sex at birth.

This law prohibits discrimination based on gender identity in a person’s admission to or treatment in any place of public accommodation. The law requires any such place that has separate areas for males and females (such as restrooms) to allow access to and full use of those areas consistent with a person’s gender identity. The law also prohibits the owner or manager of a place of public accommodation from using advertising or signage that discriminates on the basis of gender identity.

This law directs the state Commission Against Discrimination to adopt rules or policies and make recommendations to carry out this law. The law also directs the state Attorney General to issue regulations or guidance on referring for legal action any person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose.

The provisions of this law governing access to places of public accommodation are effective as of October 1, 2016. The remaining provisions are effective as of July 8, 2016.

A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.

A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

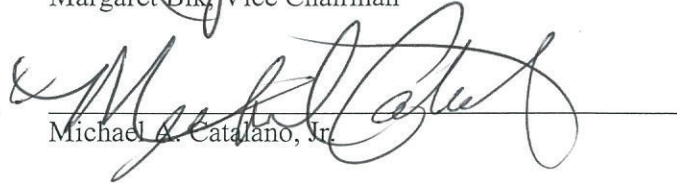
Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 9th day of October, 2018.


Daniel P. Keefe, Sr., Chairman


Margaret Bik, Vice Chairman

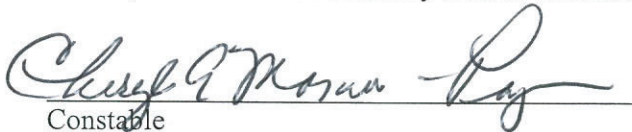

Gerald P. Rivet, Clerk


Michael A. Catalano, Jr.

Robert J. Dubois

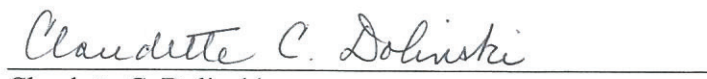
Selectmen of Blackstone

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, I have on this 10 day of October, 2018, notified the inhabitants of Blackstone by posting up true and attested copies at the Municipal Center on St. Paul Street, at the Fire Station #2 on Rathbun Street, and at the A. F. Maloney School on Lincoln Street.


Constable

October 10, 2018
(month and day)

A TRUE COPY OF THE WARRANT AND RETURN:


Claudette C. Dolinski
Town Clerk of Blackstone

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE					
RESULTS OF STATE ELECTION					
November 6, 2018					
WARDENS:	Precinct #1:	Margaret T. Keegan			
	Precinct #2:	Robert A. Gilbert			
	Precinct #3:	Maribeth Hagan			
The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.					
The votes were recorded as follows:					
*Denotes winner for Blackstone					
	Prec #1	1085			
	Prec #2	1288			
	Prec #3	1224			
	Total	3597			
	PRECINCT 1	PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 3	TOTAL	
SENATOR IN CONGRESS					
Elizabeth A. Warren	475	571	473	1519	
*Geoff Diehl	562	651	693	1906	
Shiva Ayyadurai	29	43	46	118	
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	18	23	12	53	3597
GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR					
*Baker and Polito	831	988	948	2767	
Gonzalez and Palfrey	230	268	242	740	
Write-ins	1	2	4	7	
Blanks	23	30	30	83	3597
ATTORNEY GENERAL					
*Maura Healey	580	692	607	1879	
James R. McMahon, III	476	567	596	1639	
Write-ins	0	0	1	1	
Blanks	29	29	20	78	3597
SECRETARY OF STATE					
*William Francis Galvin	630	758	658	2046	
Anthony M. Amore	390	468	503	1361	
Juan G. Sanchez, Jr.	27	36	29	92	
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	38	26	34	98	3597
TREASURER					
*Deborah B. Goldberg	568	684	607	1859	
Keiko M. Orrall	434	513	542	1489	
Jamie M. Guerin	34	47	28	109	
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	48	44	47	139	3597

AUDITOR					
*Suzanne M. Bump	494	623	532	1649	
Helen Brady	471	541	569	1581	
Daniel Fishman	35	48	52	135	
Edward J. Stamas	24	21	11	56	
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	61	55	60	176	3597
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS--Second District					
*James P. McGovern	573	708	585	1866	
Tracy Lyn Lovvorn	466	535	591	1592	
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	45	45	48	138	3597
COUNCILLOR--Seventh District					
*Jennie L. Caissie	559	688	700	1947	
Paul M. DePalo	457	531	454	1442	
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	69	69	70	208	3597
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT--Worcester & Norfolk District					
*Ryan C. Fattman	629	737	769	2135	
Thomas M. Merolli	421	520	428	1369	
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	35	31	27	93	3597
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT--Eighth Worcester District					
Patrick J. Malone	501	598	517	1616	
*Michael J. Soter	546	650	679	1875	
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	37	40	28	105	3597
DISTRICT ATTORNEY--Middle District					
*Joseph D. Early, Jr.	668	793	735	2196	
Blake J. Rubin	343	408	395	1146	
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	73	87	94	254	3597
CLERK OF COURTS--Worcester County					
*Dennis P. McManus	547	684	584	1815	
Joanne E. Powell	467	532	565	1564	
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	71	72	75	218	3597
REGISTER OF DEEDS--Worcester District					
*Kate D. Campanale	523	638	647	1808	
Kathryn A. Toomey	488	575	503	1566	
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	
Blanks	74	75	74	223	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Bellingham					
*Joseph M. Hall	802	941	894	2637	
Write-ins	7	0	2	9	
Blanks	276	347	328	951	3597

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Blackstone					
*Joseph A. Broderick	807	980	909	2696	
Write-ins	4	0	1	5	
Blanks	274	308	314	896	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Douglas					
*John C. Lavin, III	741	878	817	2436	
Write-ins	2	1	0	3	
Blanks	342	409	407	1158	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Grafton					
*Anthony M. Yitts	710	838	787	2335	
Write-ins	1	1	0	2	
Blanks	374	449	437	1260	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Hopedale					
*Mitchell A. Intinarelli	708	847	789	2344	
Write-ins	1	1	0	2	
Blanks	376	440	435	1251	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Mendon					
*Dennis P. Braun	699	835	775	2309	
Write-ins	1	1	0	2	
Blanks	385	452	449	1286	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Milford					
*Paul J. Braza	685	818	768	2271	
Write-ins	1	1	1	3	
Blanks	399	469	455	1323	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Millbury					
*Chester P. Hanratty, Jr.	683	805	759	2247	
Write-ins	1	1	0	2	
Blanks	401	482	465	1348	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Millville					
*Gerald M. Finn	717	828	771	2316	
Write-ins	1	1	0	2	
Blanks	367	459	453	1279	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Northbridge					
*Jeff T. Koopman	696	809	758	2263	
Write-ins	1	1	1	3	
Blanks	388	478	465	1331	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Sutton					
*Julie H. Mitchell	687	811	745	2243	
Write-ins	1	1	0	2	
Blanks	397	476	479	1352	3597
REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Upton					
*David R. Bartlett	688	811	749	2248	
Write-ins	2	1	0	3	
Blanks	395	476	475	1346	3597

REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE--Uxbridge					
*James H. Ebbeling	690	811	753	2254	
Write-ins	1	0	0	1	
Blanks	394	477	471	1342	3597
QUESTION #1--Limiting patients assigned to one nurse					
Yes	271	350	275	896	
*No	764	853	894	2511	
Blanks	50	85	55	190	3597
QUESTION #2--Creating citizens commission to advance amendment to US Constitution					
*Yes	630	779	749	2158	
No	371	401	388	1160	
Blanks	84	108	87	279	3597
QUESTION #3--Keep in place law prohibiting discrimination on basis of gender identity					
*Yes	579	679	637	1895	
No	441	515	511	1467	
Blanks	65	94	76	235	3597
The polls were closed at 8 p.m.					
ELIGIBLE VOTERS--6,543					
Total voters--					
55% of the eligible voters cast ballots.					
<i>Claudette C. Dolinski</i>					
Claudette C. Dolinski					
Town Clerk of Blackstone					

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The Town Accountant's Office provides accounting support to all departments, boards, and committees of the Town. The office maintains a complete set of financial records for all Town accounts, appropriations, debts, and contracts. Payments to all Town vendors and employees are processed through this department. The office is also responsible for budgetary oversight and accurate maintenance and review of all expenditures and financial records pertaining to all Town appropriations.

To all of the Town of Blackstone Department Heads, Employees, Committees and Boards- I would like to express my appreciation for your continuous cooperation and communication with the Town Accountant's Office. We look forward to working with you in the coming fiscal year! I would also like to thank Patricia Dubois and Tara Sullivan, for their support and hard work in maintaining a professional and efficient environment within the Town Accountant's Office.

The following reports provide combined balance sheets and fund activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lauren Zahorsky
Town Accountant

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups
as of June 30, 2018

ASSETS

	Governmental Fund Types		Proprietary Fund Types		Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Groups	Totals
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	Long-term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Cash and cash equivalents	5,163,519.15	1,560,090.80	592,788.79	1,526,996.26	9,183,867.28		18,027,262.28
Investments							-
Receivables:							-
Personal property taxes	4,939.58						4,939.58
Real estate taxes	301,313.78						301,313.78
Deferred taxes							-
Allowance for abatements and exemptions	(534,266.32)						(534,266.32)
Special assessments							-
Tax liens	740,301.01						740,301.01
Tax foreclosures	248,370.63						248,370.63
Motor vehicle excise	308,460.04						308,460.04
Other excises							-
Utility Charges				147,965.06			147,965.06
Departmental							-
Other receivables		434,894.74		13,234.69			448,129.43
Due to/from other funds							-
Due from other governments		3,750.00					3,750.00
Prepays							-
Petty Cash	975.00						975.00
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation							-
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds						7,600,368.00	7,600,368.00
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave							-
Total Assets	6,233,612.87	1,998,735.54	592,788.79	1,688,196.01	9,183,867.28	7,600,368.00	27,297,568.49

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Deferred revenue								
Real and personal property taxes	(228,135.03)							(228,135.03)
Deferred taxes	-							-
Prepaid taxes/fees	-							-
Special assessments	-							-
Tax liens	740,305.01							740,305.01
Tax foreclosures	248,370.63							248,370.63
Motor vehicle excise	308,582.11							308,582.11
Other excises	-							-
Utility Charges				147,965.06				147,965.06
Departmental	-							-
Deposits receivable	-							-
Other receivables		434,894.74		13,234.69				448,129.43
Due from other governments		3,750.00						3,750.00
Due to other governments								-
Accounts payable		6,004.63		162,887.20	3,775.00			9,779.63
Warrants payable	655,053.02							817,940.22
Accrued payroll and withholdings	8,666.87							8,666.87
Other liabilities	-							-
IBNR	-							-
Bonds payable			500,000.00			7,600,368.00		7,600,368.00
Notes payable								500,000.00
Vacation and sick leave liability								-
Total Liabilities	1,732,842.61	444,649.37	500,000.00	324,086.95	3,775.00	7,600,368.00		10,605,721.93
Fund Equity:								
Reserved for encumbrances	297,578.51			68,324.05				365,902.56
Reserved for expenditures	1,388,017.08			120,025.00				1,508,042.08
Reserved for continuing appropriations	1,174,253.92			243,141.71				1,417,395.63
Reserved for petty cash								-
Reserved for appropriation deficit								-
Reserved for snow and ice deficit								-
Reserved for debt Service								-
Reserved for premiums								-
Reserved fund balance					9,180,092.28			9,180,092.28
Undesignated fund balance	1,640,920.75	1,554,086.17		932,618.30				4,127,625.22
Unreserved retained earnings								-
Investment in capital assets								-
Total Fund Equity	4,500,770.26	1,554,086.17	92,788.79	1,364,109.06	9,180,092.28	-	92,788.79	16,691,846.56
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	6,233,612.87	1,998,735.54	592,788.79	1,688,196.01	9,183,867.28	7,600,368.00		27,297,568.49

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
Undesignated Fund Balance Roll-forward
as of June 30, 2018

Beginning Undesignated Fund Balance	1,981,162.00
<u>Add:</u>	
Prior Year Reserved for Encumbrance	199,284.87
Prior Year Reserved for Expenditures	970,535.62
Prior Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	726,777.07
Prior Year Reserved for Petty Cash	
Prior Year Purchase Order Liquidate	13,859.26
Prior Year Reserved for	
Prior Year Reserved for	
Prior Year Reserved for	
Prior Year Reserved for	
Prior Year Reserved for	
<u>Less:</u>	
Prior Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	
Prior Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits	
Prior Year Total Fund Balance	3,891,618.82
<u>Deduct:</u>	
Current Year Reserved for Encumbrance	297,578.51
Current Year Reserved for Expenditures	988,017.08
Current Year Reserved for Continuing Appropriations	1,174,253.92
Current Year Reserved for Petty Cash	
Current Year Reserved for Overlay Surplus- expenditures	400,000.00
Current Year Reserved for	
Current Year Reserved for	
Current Year Reserved for	
Current Year Reserved for	
Current Year Reserved for	
Current Year Reserved for	
<u>Add:</u>	
Current Year Reserved for Appropriation Deficits	
Current Year Reserved for Snow and Ice Deficits	
<u>Add:</u>	
Current Year Revenue Closeouts	23,859,216.30
Other Financing Sources	
Audit Adjustments	
<u>Less:</u>	
Current Year Expenditure Closeouts	23,245,435.82
Other Financing Uses	
Audit Adjustments	4,629.04
Current Year Undesignated Fund Balance	1,640,920.75

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
Cherry Sheet (General Fund) - FY 2018
as of June 30, 2018

Line	Description	Budget	Actual	Variance	
				\$	%
Receipts:					
A1	School Aid Chapter 70	151,883	151,705	(178)	-0.12%
A2	School Transportation	-	2,678	2,678	100.00%
		151,883	154,383	2,500	1.65%
B1	Lottery, Beano & Charity Games	1,367,375	1,367,375	-	0.00%
B3	Highway Fund	-		-	0.00%
B5	Police Carrer Incentive			-	
B7	Veterans Benefits	79,291	61,732	(17,559)	-22.15%
B8	Exemptions: Vets, Blind & Surv Sp.	41,622	15,584	(26,038)	-62.56%
B9	Exemptions: Elderly	-	-	-	0.00%
B10	State-Owned Land	26,508	26,508	-	0.00%
	Additional State Aid	-	-	-	100.00%
		1,514,796	1,471,199	(43,597)	-2.88%
	Total Receipts	1,666,679	1,625,582	(41,097)	-2.47%
	Offset Items				
	TOTAL, All Receipts	1,666,679	1,625,582		
Charges:					
A	County Assessment, County Tax			-	
B3	Mosquito Control	31,394	-	31,394	100.00%
B4	Air Pollution Districts	2,415	-	2,415	100.00%
B7	RMV Non-Renewal Surcharge	10,260	-	10,260	100.00%
	Total Charges	44,069	-	44,069	100.00%

Local Receipts (General Fund) - FY 2018

Line Description	Budget	Actual	\$	%
Local Receipts:				
1 MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:	920,000	1,297,189	377,189	41.00%
2a MEALS TAX	30,000	54,497	24,497	100.00%
3 PENALTIES & INTEREST ON TAXES:	100,000	115,703	15,703	15.70%
4 PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES:	12,000	16,060	4,060	33.83%
10 FEES:	25,000	79,194	54,194	216.78%
17 LICENSES & PERMITS:	125,000	234,067	109,067	87.25%
19 FINES & FORFEITS:	35,000	31,236	(3,764)	-10.75%
20 INVESTMENT INCOME:	8,000	10,267	2,267	28.34%
16 OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	175,000	168,625	(6,375)	-3.64%
22 MISCELLANEOUS RECURRING:	-	-	-	0.00%
23 MISCELLANEOUS NONRECURRING:	-	34,832	34,832	0.00%
	1,430,000	2,041,670	611,670	42.77%

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
FY2018 General Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2018

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
MODERATOR	550	300		850	585			265
SELECTMEN	76,741	(800)	793,118	869,059	66,079	94,588	210	708,182
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	183,255	17,737		200,992	195,212		198	5,582
FINANCE COMMITTEE	9,300			9,300	1,901			7,399
RESERVE FUND	75,000	(34,199)		40,801				40,801
CAPITAL OUTLAY COMM.	3,100			3,100	649			2,451
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	130,404			130,404	114,488		3,593	12,323
ASSESSORS	157,538	(15,038)	2,450	144,950	133,846	2,450	1,391	7,263
TREASURER/COLLECTOR	155,117	(7,000)		148,117	139,788		257	8,072
TOWN COUNSEL	125,000	10,000		135,000	117,724		8,389	8,887
DATA PROCESSING	140,000	3,000		143,000	137,618		4,360	1,022
COPIER	20,987	2,500		23,487	22,586		897	4
BONDS & INSURANCE	219,660	(45,000)		174,660	169,062		120	5,478
TOWN CLERK	149,843			149,843	137,707		3,172	8,964
ELECTIONS	13,410	(2,050)	115	11,475	10,102			1,373
BOARD OF REGISTRARS	6,500			6,500	4,032		975	1,493
CONSERVATION COMM	4,225			4,225	4,048		23	154
OPEN SPACE			100,000	100,000				100,000
PLANNING BOARD	26,331		4,933	31,264	5,036		2,751	23,477
ZONING BOARD	8,389	300		8,689	6,585			2,104
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT	5,000			5,000	621			4,379
CENTRAL MA PLANNING	2,461			2,461				1
GENERAL	154,500	(3,010)	343	151,833	122,101	343	2,777	26,612
PUBLIC BUILDINGS MAINT	324,525	10,000	5,000	339,525	288,172		36,145	15,208
TOWN REPORT	3,000	(302)		2,698	2,280			418
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,994,836	(63,562)	905,959	2,837,233	1,682,682	97,381	65,258	991,912

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
FY2018 General Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2018

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,680,975	59,510	127,644	1,868,129	1,681,238	112,762	8,129	66,000
POLICE DISPATCHERS	240,249	2,000		242,249	241,731			518
FIRE DEPARTMENT	958,775		6,880	965,655	918,503	494	212	46,446
AMBULANCE	55,754	(3,000)	59,388	112,142	40,862	58,819	3,388	9,073
MUNICIPAL INSPECTOR	77,868	800		78,668	77,407		1,200	61
PLUMB/GAS INSPECTOR	16,686			16,686	16,137			549
WEIGHTS & MEASURE	2,000	(250)		1,750	1,750			0
ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	9,931			9,931	8,764			1,167
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	17,250			17,250	11,685		4,996	569
ANIMAL CONTROL	25,594			25,594	24,150			1,444
FORESTRY	25,102			25,102	15,997		6,000	3,105
PUBLIC SAFETY	3,110,184	59,060	193,912	3,363,156	3,038,224	172,075	23,925	128,932
 B/M REGIONAL SCHOOLS	 8,803,252	 -	 75,000	 8,878,252	 8,803,252			 75,000
BLACKSTONE VLY VOKE	721,923			721,923	721,923			0
VOCATIONAL TUITION	524,192			524,192	480,416		3,118	40,658
EDUCATION	10,049,367	-	75,000	10,124,367	10,005,591	-	3,118	115,658
 ENGINEERING	 15,000			 15,000	 600			 14,400
DPW SUPERINTENDENT	29,727			29,727	29,726			1
HIGHWAY LABOR	282,060			282,060	281,432			628
HIGHWAY OPERATIONAL	44,189		392,438	436,627	36,574	189,230	500	210,323
SNOW & ICE	110,671	107,655		218,326	215,358		2,968	0
STREET LIGHTING	109,375			109,375	105,563			3,812
MECHANICAL REPAIR	71,500		4,933	76,433	68,980	4,933	2,168	352
CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	608,000	(8,140)		599,860	473,825		121,868	4,167
STREET CLEANING	3,000			3,000	2,878			122
WASTE COLLECTION	570,284			570,284	493,947		62,727	13,610
PUBLIC WORKS	1,843,806	99,515	397,371	2,340,692	1,708,883	194,163	190,231	247,415

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
FY2018 General Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2018

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/ Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
RECYCLING	212,020	25,000	40,388	277,408	225,769	29,679	178	21,782
BOARD OF HEALTH	94,059			94,059	78,801		11,596	3,662
COUNCIL ON AGING	206,630			206,630	199,407		25	7,198
VETERANS	141,687			141,687	120,029			21,658
HUMAN SERVICES	654,396	25,000	40,388	719,784	624,006	29,679	11,799	54,300
LIBRARY	467,446	1,000	80,245	548,691	463,277	25,325	2,673	57,416
PARKS	125,728			125,728	123,955		105	1,668
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	2,000			2,000	1,501		471	28
MEMORIAL DAY	10,100			10,100	9,552			548
CULTURAL COUNCIL	-			-				0
CULTURE & RECREATION	605,274	1,000	80,245	686,519	598,285	25,325	3,249	59,660
PRINCIPAL	894,148			894,148	894,148			0
LONG TERM DEBT INTEREST	296,404	2		296,406	296,405			1
SHORT TERM DEBT INTEREST	5,000	(500)		4,500	4,500			0
DEBT SERVICE	1,195,552	(498)	-	1,195,054	1,195,053	-	-	1
SPECIAL RETIREMENT	-			-	666,186			0
COUNTY RETIREMENT	666,186			666,186				0
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPNSTN	50,000	(20,000)		30,000	8,648			21,352
EMPLOYEE HEALTH/DENTAL	654,755			654,755	602,596			52,159
LIFE INSURANCE	3,000			3,000	2,869			131
MATCHING MEDICARE	70,000			70,000	66,035			3,965
COMPENSATED BALANCES	10,000			10,000	9,997			3
COMPENSATED ABSENCES	7,500	(1,000)		6,500	2,990			3,510
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	44,069			44,069	44,069			0
COURT JUDGMENT	-			-				0
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	1,505,510	(21,000)	-	1,484,510	1,403,390	-	-	81,120
G F OPERATING BUDGETS	20,958,925	99,515	1,692,875	22,751,315	20,256,114	518,623	297,580	1,678,998

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
FY2018 General Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2018

DEPARTMENT/Purpose	Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Encumbrances/Articles	Final Budget	Expended	Article Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
TRANS TO STABILIZATION	53,026			53,026	53,026			0
TRANS TO ENTERPRISE	-			-				0
TRANS TO SPECIAL REVENUE	-			-				0
TRANS TO OPEB TRUST	250,000			250,000	250,000			0
TRANS TO CAP TRUST	1,964,749			1,964,749	1,968,393			-3,644
	2,267,775	-	-	2,267,775	2,271,419		-	-3,644
ARTICLES-GENERAL GOVERNMENT				-				0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC SAFETY				-				0
ARTICLES-PUBLIC WORKS				-				0
ARTICLES-CULTURE AND RECREATION				-				0
ARTICLES-NON-DEPARTMENTAL				-				0
	-	-	-	-	-		-	0
GRAND TOTAL G.F. BUDGETS	23,226,700	99,515	1,692,875	25,019,090	22,527,533	518,623	297,580	1,675,354

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
as of June 30, 2018

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Rcpts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ -	186,233	\$ 1,373,857	\$ 1,560,090
Accounts receivable	-		434,895	434,895
Due from Commonwealth	-	3,750	-	3,750
Due from Federal Government			-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-
Accrued Revenue	-	-	-	-
	-	189,983	1,808,752	1,998,735

Liabilities & Fund Bal.				
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	accounts 1,461	4,543	6,004
Due to other funds	-		-	-
Deferred revenue	-	3,750	434,895	438,645
Notes payable	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - designated	-	-		-
Fund balance - reserved		-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	-	184,772	1,369,314	1,554,086
	\$ -	\$ 189,983	\$ 1,808,752	\$ 1,998,735

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
as of June 30, 2018**

	Highway Improvements Fund 13	State & Fed Grants Fund 20 & 21	Other Repts Res'd Fund 29	TOTALS (Memo Only)
Revenues				
Federal & State Grants	343,487	101,349	666,611	\$ 1,111,447
Charges for Services	-	-	-	\$ -
Other	-	-	-	\$ -
	343,487	101,349	666,611	\$ 1,111,447

Expenditures				
General Government	-	-	114,443	\$ 114,443
Public Safety	-	27,956	7,358	\$ 35,314
Education	-	-	24,754	\$ 24,754
Public works	343,487	8,227	16,346	\$ 368,060
Human services	-	36,994	17,457	\$ 54,451
Culture & recreation	-	3,848	21,968	\$ 25,816
Insurance & other	-	-	-	\$ -
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	\$ -
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	\$ -
Debt Service	-	-	-	\$ -
	343,487	77,025	202,325	\$ 622,837

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	24,325	464,286	\$ 488,610
---	---	--------	---------	------------

Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers in	-	-	-	\$ -
Transfers (out)	-	(1,551)	(369,216)	\$ (370,767)
	-	(1,551)	(369,216)	(370,767)

Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	22,774	95,070	117,843
--	---	--------	--------	---------

Fund Balance, 6/30/17	-	161,999	1,274,245	\$ 1,436,244
------------------------------	---	---------	-----------	--------------

Fund Balance, 6/30/18	-	184,773	1,369,315	1,554,087
------------------------------	---	---------	-----------	-----------

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2018

		Balance July 1, 2017	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2018
Fund 13 Highway Fund						
013-000-000-35900	Highway Fund	0.00	343,487.45	343,487.45	0.00	0.00
Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund						
Federal Grants:						
020-100-123-35000	96 CDBG	0	0	0	0	0
021-400-431-35000	FEMA	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
Total Federal Grants:		0	0	0	0	0
State Grants:						
020-000-000-35000	Undesignated Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-100-162-35000	Elections Grant	0.00	1,550.63	0.00	-1,550.63	0.00
020-100-182-35000	Mass Housing	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,000.00
020-100-192-35000	Mass Renewable Energy	3,080.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,080.61
020-100-193-35000	Green Communities Grant	75,537.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	75,537.50
020-200-211-35000	Dispatch Grant	12,949.26	0.00	1,196.00	0.00	11,753.26
020-200-212-35000	Community Policing Grant	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
020-200-213-35000	Underage Drinking Grant	1,186.64	388.36	0.00	0.00	1,575.00
020-200-215-35000	Police Vests (State)	-9,018.39	4,509.18	-4,509.21	0.00	0.00
020-200-217-35000	911 Support & Incentive Grant	33,124.46	23,675.00	22,876.70	0.00	33,922.76
020-200-218-35000	VV Public Safety Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-219-35000	GHSB Traffic Enforcement Grant	47.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.32
020-200-221-35000	Fire Safe Grant	8,996.89	6,123.00	5,612.72	0.00	9,507.17
020-200-223-35000	Fire Equipment Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-224-35000	Fire Safe Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-225-35000	Fire Safety Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-227-35000	Homeland Security Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-228-35000	EMT/Fire Grant	23.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.11
020-200-229-35000	ARRA Fire Staffing Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-230-35000	Emergency Mgmt Grant	0.00	2,780.00	2,780.00	0.00	0.00
020-200-290-35000	Fire VFA Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-400-422-35000	Winter Rapid Recovery Road Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-400-429-35000	Lake Hiawatha Dam Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-400-437-35000	Water Emergency Reimb Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-400-438-35000	Sewer Rate Relief Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-500-434-54000	Recycle Grant	0.00	0.00	3,750.00	0.00	-3,750.00
020-500-439-35000	Recycling Grant	290.00	6,000.00	4,477.50	0.00	1,812.50
020-500-512-35000	Bd of Health - Tobacco Grant	56.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.76
020-500-514-35000	BOH - PHER Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-500-541-35000	COA - Formula Grant	71.98	14,556.02	14,618.83	0.00	9.17
020-500-542-35000	COA - MARTAP Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-500-548-35000	COA - Incentive Grant	286.25	0.00	181.39	0.00	104.86
020-600-610-35000	State Aid To Libraries (MEG - LIG)	27,096.11	13,109.95	15,147.69	0.00	25,058.37
020-600-612-35000	Library Construction Grant	124.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.74
020-600-613-35000	Library Match Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
020-600-615-35000	Library Copy Maintenance	3,388.83	1,455.45	1,206.63	0.00	3,637.65
020-600-616-35000	Library LSTA Grant	0.00	7,500.00	5,839.35	0.00	1,660.65
020-600-650-35000	Vets Park State Grant	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50
020-600-691-35000	Civil War Preservation Grant	590.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	590.20
020-600-692-35000	Historical Commission Grant	367.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	367.05
020-600-694-35000	Art Council	3,798.59	4,701.87	3,848.00	0.00	4,652.46
Total State Grants:		161,998.49	101,349.46	77,025.60	-1,551	184,771.72
Total Fund 20 State & Federal Grant Fund		161,998	101,349	77,026	-1,551	184,772

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE
Special Revenue Funds - FY 2018

		Balance July 1, 2017	Receipts	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2018
Fund 29 Othr Spcl Revenue						
Receipts Reserved:						
029-100-118-35600	Tupper Park Sewer Study	0	0	0	0	0
029-000-299-35600	TNC SURCHARGE	0	133.20	0	0	133.20
029-100-119-35600	Plans and Specs	2,548.52				2,548.52
029-100-120-35600	ABB Power Gener Gift	17,638.12				17,638.12
029-100-122-35600	Insurance Recovery	7,065.85	53,400.21	47,455.96	-11,155.58	1,854.52
029-100-123-35600	EOCD Recaptured Funds	100,781.97	25,470.00			126,251.97
029-100-124-35600	ANP Leak Detection	13,148.05				13,148.05
029-100-125-35600	ANP Title V Repairs Gift	25,500.00				25,500.00
029-100-128-35600	ANP MOU #5 Generation Gift	63,263.76				63,263.76
029-100-129-35600	Cable Franchise Gift	382,958.62	96,704.41	63,619.12		416,043.91
000-029-135-35600	Compensated Balances	0.00				0.00
029-100-171-33000	Notice of Intent	5,680.85	1,950.00	3,367.50		4,263.35
029-100-175-35603	Meadow Harris	265.00				265.00
029-100-175-35602	Canal St	425.00				425.00
029-100-175-35600	Planning Board - Prof Review Onyx	918.00				918.00
029-100-177-35600	Zoning Board Rolling Brook	351.98				351.98
029-100-181-35600	Revitalization Gift	1,020.97				1,020.97
029-200-208-35600	Police Canine Donation	0.75				0.75
029-200-211-35600	Police Gift	10,068.80	2,645.00	7,357.67		5,356.13
029-200-231-33000	Ambulance Fees	510,020.66	397,145.78	0.00	-355,285.00	551,881.44
029-200-241-35600	On-Site Project Rep					0.00
029-200-292-35600	Animal Control Donations	0.00	7,760.00			7,760.00
029-200-293-35600	A C O Building Donation Fund	188.08				188.08
029-200-295-35600	Tree Fund Donations	58.23				58.23
029-300-310-35600	School Cable Franchise Gift	8,322.25	24,175.33	24,753.71		7,743.87
029-200-440-35600	Sewer Onyx Peer Review	173.75				173.75
029-200-422-35600	Highway Road opening Bond	334.55				334.55
029-500-433-35600	Recycling Center	3,500.00	18,856.00	16,345.72		6,010.28
029-500-511-35600	RR - Title V Loan Payments	4,765.99	605.81		-2,776.00	2,595.80
029-500-540-35600	COA Gift	160.69	1,278.28	1,266.35		172.62
029-500-541-35600	Senior Van Donations	35,511.31	972.00	10,750.05		25,733.26
029-500-542-35600	COA Van Friends Donations					0.00
029-500-543-35600	Senior Programs	34,138.52	2,036.00	5,441.00		30,733.52
029-600-610-35600	Library Gifts	24,567.78	9,424.56	13,568.32		20,424.02
029-600-613-35600	Public Libraries Fund					0.00
029-600-630-35600	Recreation Gift	4,405.38	11,000.00			15,405.38
029-600-650-35600	Park Dept Insurance Recovery	897.92				897.92
029-600-691-35600	Historical Commission	6,082.98	1,665.00			7,747.98
029-600-692-35600	Parade Donations	8,526.61	11,390.00	8,294.84		11,621.77
029-600-694-35600	Arts Council Gifts	954.52		105.77		848.75
Total Fund 29 Recpts Reserved:		1,274,245.46	666,611.58	202,326.01	-369,216.58	1,369,314.45
TOTAL ALL SR FUNDS		1,436,244	1,111,448	622,839	-370,767	1,554,086

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET-CAPITAL FUNDS
as of June 30, 2018

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Recycle Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33	TownHall Roof Fund 30	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Tank Ptg ATM 5/13 Fund 36	Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37	Stormwater Retro Fund 38	Well #9 Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Assets												
Cash and investments	1,693	129,276	-	14,140	-	48,100	17,993	-	-	90	381,496	592,788
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Federal Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities & Fund Bal.												
Warrants/Accounts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes payable	-	-	-	-	-	500,000	-	-	-	-	-	500,000
Fund balance - designated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balance - reserved	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved fund balance	1,693	129,276	-	14,140	-	(451,900)	17,993	-	-	90	381,496	92,788
	1,693	129,276	-	14,140	-	48,100	17,993	-	-	90	381,496	592,788

**COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES-CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**
as of June 30, 2018

	Department Roadway Imp Fund 31	Water Meters ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Recycle Equip ATM 5/13 Fund 31	Water/Sewer Design/Eng Fund 32	Sewer-Elm Eng/Construct Fund 33	TownHall Imp ATM Fund 34	Tank Ptg ATM 5/04#6 Fund 36	Tank Ptg ATM 5/13 Fund 36	Wtr Dist Sys ATM 5/04 #5 Fund 37	Stormwater Retro Fund 38	Well #9 Fund 39	TOTAL Capital Projects Fund
Intergovernmental												
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Expenditures												
Personal Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of Services	-	-	-	-	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	111,397
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Charges & Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prior Year Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	111,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	111,397
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Expenditures	-	-	-	-	(111,397)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(111,397)
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bond Proceeds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers (out)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Excess Revenues over/ (under) Exp/Transfers	-	-	-	-	(111,397)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(111,397)
Fund Balance, 6/30/17	1,693	129,276	-	14,140	111,397	(451,900)	17,993	-	-	90	381,496	204,185
Fund Balance, 6/30/18	1,693	129,276	-	14,140	-	(451,900)	17,993	-	-	90	381,496	92,788

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
Combining Balance Sheet - Enterprise Funds
as of June 30, 2018

	Sewer Enterprise Fund	Water Enterprise Fund	(Memorandum Only)
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	585,937.80	941,058.46	1,526,996.26
Investments			-
Receivables:			
Personal property taxes			-
Real estate taxes			-
Deferred taxes			-
Allowance for abatements and exemptions			-
Special assessments			-
Tax liens			-
Tax foreclosures			-
Motor vehicle excise			-
Other excises			-
Utility Charges	92,597.18	55,367.88	147,965.06
Departmental			-
Other receivables	6,877.12	6,357.57	13,234.69
Due to/from other funds			-
Due from other governments			-
Prepays			-
Inventory			-
Fixed assets, net of accumulated depreciation			-
Amounts to be provided - payment of bonds			-
Amounts to be provided - vacation and sick leave			-
Total Assets	<u>685,412.10</u>	<u>1,002,783.91</u>	<u>1,688,196.01</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>			
Liabilities:			
Deferred revenue			-
Real and personal property taxes			-
Deferred taxes			-
Prepaid taxes/fees			-
Special assessments			-
Tax liens			-
Tax foreclosures			-
Motor vehicle excise			-
Other excises			-
Utility Charges	99,474.30	61,725.45	161,199.75
Departmental			-
Deposits receivable			-
Other receivables			-
Due from other governments			-
Accounts payable			-
Warrants payable	131,677.10	31,210.10	162,887.20
Accrued payroll and withholdings			-
Other liabilities			-
IBNR			-
Bonds payable			-
Notes payable			-
Vacation and sick leave liability			-
Total Liabilities	<u>231,151.40</u>	<u>92,935.55</u>	<u>324,086.95</u>
Fund Equity:			
Reserved for encumbrances	22,146.74	46,177.31	68,324.05
Reserved for expenditures		120,025.00	120,025.00
Reserved for continuing appropriations	9,199.71	233,942.00	243,141.71
Reserved for petty cash			-
Reserved for appropriation deficit			-
Reserved for snow and ice deficit			-
Reserved for debt Service			-
Reserved for premiums			-
Undesignated fund balance	422,914.25	509,704.05	932,618.30
Unreserved retained earnings			-
Investment in capital assets			-
Total Fund Equity	<u>454,260.70</u>	<u>909,848.36</u>	<u>1,364,109.06</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>685,412.10</u>	<u>1,002,783.91</u>	<u>1,688,196.01</u>

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
FY 2018 Enterprise Fund Budget
as of June 30, 2018

DEPARTMENT/Purpose		Original Budget	Approp. Transfers	Prior Year Encumbrances	Final Budget	Expended	Encumbered	Closed to Fund Balance
SEWER DEPARTMENT	Personnel	159,650			159,650	144,924		14,726
SEWER MAINTENANCE	Expenses	201,153	31,600		232,753	168,550	5,107	59,096
SEWER WOONSOCKET MAINT	Expenses	428,150			428,150	411,110	17,040	-
SEWER PRINCIPAL	Expenses							-
SEWER INTEREST	Expenses							-
SEWER		788,953	31,600	-	820,553	724,584	22,147	73,822
<u>SEWER ARTICLES</u>								
90803 AT, 5/14 #27 REPAIR PUMP		8,713	-	-	8,713	8,713		-
98201 ATM 12 ART 29		1,800	-	-	1,800	-		1,800
98214 ATM05/05#21 Upgrade		7,400	-	-	7,400	-		7,400
98216 ATM 5/17 #17 GIS MAP		44,600	-	-	44,600	44,600		-
90901 STM 5/18 ART #9 PYB		23,931			23,931	23,931		-
Total Sewer Articles		86,444	-	-	86,444	77,244	-	9,200
TOTAL SEWER		875,397	31,600	-	906,997	801,828	22,147	83,022
RESERVE FUND-SEWER	Expenses	50,000	(31,600)		18,400	-	-	18,400
RESERVE FUND-WATER	Expenses	50,000	(20,000)		30,000	-	-	30,000
RESERVE FUND		100,000	(51,600)	-	48,400	-	-	48,400
WATER LABOR	Personnel	165,759	20,000		185,759	174,853	-	10,906
WATER ADMINISTRATION	Personnel	74,557			74,557	70,101	-	4,456
WATER CONSTRUCTION & MAINT	Expenses	530,134			530,134	435,266	46,177	48,691
WATER RETIREMENT OF DEBT	Expenses	160,000	-		160,000	160,000	-	-
WATER LONG TERM DEBT INT.	Expenses	23,850	-		23,850	23,850	-	-
WATER SHORT TERM INTEREST	Expenses	-	-		-	-	-	-
ASSESSMENT MFSDWAA		2,000			2,000	1,791		209
WATER		956,300	20,000	-	976,300	865,861	46,177	64,262
<u>WATER ARTICLES</u>								
98001 ATM 05/12#29		1,800	-		1,800	-		1,800
98003 ARM 5/17 ART 18 WATER FILT		125,000	-		125,000	-		125,000
98004 ATM 5/17 ART #19 NORTH SMITH		125,000			125,000	17,858		107,142
Total Water Articles		-	-	-	251,800	17,858	-	233,942
TOTAL WATER		956,300	20,000	-	1,228,100	883,719	46,177	298,204
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUNDS		1,931,697	-	-	2,183,497	1,685,547	68,324	429,626

TOWN OF BLACKSTONE, MASSACHUSETTS
Trust & Agency Funds
as of June 30, 2018

	Fund Balance July 1, 2017	Receipts	Investment Income	Expenditures	Transfers In/(Out)	Balance June 30, 2018
Expendable Trusts:						
#70 - OPEB Trust Fund	570,601.44		82,934.38	4,761.60	250,000.00	898,774.22
Total Fund #70:	570,601.44	-	82,934.38	4,761.60	250,000.00	898,774.22
#84 - Stabilization Fund	3,527,599.88		59,471.66	-	(346,974.13)	3,240,097.41
#84 - Law Enforcement	11,037.76	-	890.00	-	-	11,927.76
Total Fund #84:	3,538,637.64	-	60,361.66	-	(346,974.13)	3,252,025.17
#85 - Capital Outlay Trust Fund	3,731,860.54	-	65,872.02		298,925.69	4,096,658.25
Total Fund #85:	3,731,860.54	-	65,872.02	-	298,926	4,096,658.25
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS:	7,841,099.62	-	209,168.06	4,761.60	201,951.56	8,247,457.64

Agency Funds

	Balance July 1, 2017	Additions	Deductions	Balance June 30, 2018
89210 Police Outside Detail	10,983.66	126,166.96	130,098.58	7,052.04
89241 Guarantee Gravel Bonds	2,535.29			2,535.29
89122 ANP Escrow	688,675.58	71,090.34		759,765.92
89175 Performance Bonds	56,267.06	26.15		56,293.21
89176 Bond Rolling Brook				-
89145 Deputy Fees	(1,739.00)	26,864.00	25,125.00	-
89161 Fish & Game - State	70.50			70.50
89211 Police FID	5,150.00	14,362.50	13,462.50	6,050.00
89442 ANP Sewer Charges	-	86,171.82	86,171.82	-
89433 Recycling Agency Fund	-	4,612.50	1,575.00	3,037.50
89447 Sycamore Estates	5,796.40	8.71		5,805.11
89440 Onyx Road Bond	25,286.46	37.94		25,324.40
89441 Pickering Road Bond				-
89422 Elm Street Road Bond	2,002.94	2.12	1,500.00	505.06
89443 Canal Street Road Bond	1,133.43	1.67		1,135.10
89444 Federal Hill Road Bond	85.27	42.67		127.94
89445 Farm Street Road Bond	5,513.34	8.25		5,521.59
89446 Lincoln Street Road Bond				-
89448 Austin St Road Bond	3,003.77	3.10	1,125.00	1,881.87
89449 Mill River Road Bond	500.41	0.72		501.13
89450 T & S Surety Sycamore	-	50,026.93		50,026.93
89451 Blackstone St Near #301	-	7,001.05		7,001.05
Warrants Payable	-	3,775.00		3,775.00
TOTAL AGENCY FUNDS	805,265.11	390,202.43	259,057.90	936,409.64
Total Trust & Agency Funds	9,183,867			

MUNICIPAL CENTER EXTENSION LIST

<u>EXTENSION</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>
113	Town Administrator	Daniel M. Keyes
102	Administrator/Selectmen's Office	Sandy Nadeau-Lemoine
101	Administrator/Selectmen's Office	Kyle Lemoine
116	Town Clerk	Claudette Dolinski
124	Assistant Town Clerk	Donna Bik
146	Office Assistant	Julie Picard
117	Temporary Collector/Treasurer	Suzanne Moquin
118	Temporary Assistant Treasurer	Jan Geiger
119	Temporary Assistant Collector	Kelsey Lemoine
121	Assistant Assessor	Patricia Salamone
122	Administrative Asst/Assessor's Office	Kasey Bik
123	Town Accountant	Lauren Zahorsky
148	Temporary Assistant Accountant	Tara Sullivan
129	Municipal Secretary	Elizabeth Diefenbach
130	Code Enforcement/Zoning Agent	Colleen Strapponi
143	Municipal Inspector	Earl Vater
168	Conservation Commission	Lisa Larue, Sec.
156	Zoning Board of Appeals	
157	Cultural Council	
158	Finance Committee	John Wozniak, Chair
159	Historical Commission	
163	Planning Board	Kyle Lemoine
126	Veteran's Agent	
	DPW Office Assistant	Kelly Shea (508-883-9331)
	Water & Sewer Office Assistant	Patricia Dubois (508-883-9331)
	SENIOR CENTER:	
125	Intake & Information	
133	Transportation	Dennis Pimenta
134	COA Director	Laurie Keefe
135	Outreach Program	Erin Medieros
150	Activities Assistant	Gail LeClair
151	General Info/Nutrition Site	Gail LeClair
508-883-9331	Department of Public Works	James Sullivan
508-883-9169	Recycling Center	Colleen Strapponi